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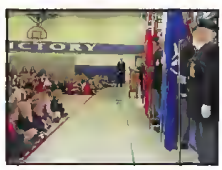

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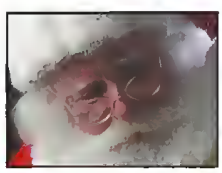

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Packing hope

KRIS DUBÉ/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

The Victory Voice student council at Our Lady of Victory school recently led a mission to support students in Guatemala by sending 40 backpacks full of various supplies to young people in need in their daily lives. 'Packs of Hope' is part of 'Wells of Hope,' a charity founded in Niagara. Getting the generous gifts ready last week were student council members Rachel Paura, left, Andrew Hastings and Hannahh Wilson.

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Our celebration began with a mass celebrated by most Rev. Bishop Bergie of the St. Catharines Diocese and our new parish administrator Fr. Cesar Derit with assistance from Deacon Joe Simpson. Our CWL Diocesan President, Shell Tamas along with past presidents, Sharon Dickson and our own member Connie Parry.

We continued our morning with a luncheon at the Palmwood Restaurant with joy, laughter and sharing memories of members who have passed.

We are one of many councils in the St. Catharines Diocese and our beginning in 1956 has lead us to many volunteer hours in our parish, and fundraising to support the Meals on Wheels program, which one of our members was responsible for its start in our area.

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As part of a national organization, we lobby government officials and meet with the prime minister to present resolutions for concerns in health care, seniors, education, safety issues and many other areas needing attention, while still remaining rooted in gospel values.

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St. George Church Catholic Women's League.

Schools compete in paint-a-car event

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At this year's Taste of Fort Erie, an event heavily impacted by poor weather, students from three local schools were set to compete in a 'Paint-a-Car' competition. Due to rain, the students and teachers moved their vehicles indoors, which were donated by Miller's Auto Recycling, and continued with the project. Through online voting, Niagara Christian Community of Schools was crowned the winner, defeating Fort Erie Secondary School and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School. On Tuesday, Mayor Wayne Redekop stopped by to congratulate the winning team and also hand over a gift certificate donated by Niagara Paintball Park. Paint for the project was donated by Fort Erie Paints (Benjamin Moore) and Fort Erie TimbrMart. The lead teacher for NCC is Laurie Blue and the competition part of the Taste of Fort Erie was organized by Kerry McCallum and Michelle Morrissey (absent from photo).

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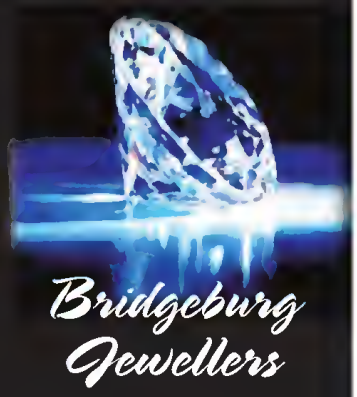

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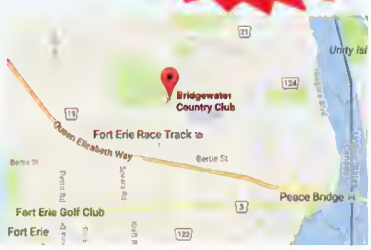

Road to inter-municipal transit not so smooth

MARYANNE FIRTH
Postmedia Network

Not all regional councillors appear on board with the route inter-municipal transit is taking in Niagara.

Niagara Region's public works committee was updated last Tuesday on the process underway to develop a more efficient and effective transit system connecting Niagara's municipalities.

But after listening to a presentation from Dennis Kar of Dillon Consulting, the firm hired to assist with the project, Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop had concerns about how the new model would roll out.

While the new transit plan is set to include expanded routes and the frequency of the service, Redekop questioned how it will serve residents outside of the "core" area of St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Welland.

He felt it would not increase connectivity to the communities outside of the three major centres.

"The difficulty that I have with this, is in Fort Erie we're being asked to increase our commitment financially to public transit threefold over the next four years, which in all likelihood we will do," he said. But he feels the proposed plan does not take into account that local investment, providing limited increase in connectivity to the lakeside community.

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Niagara Region is making sure we're prepared for this growth through four projects that will help us plan where and how that growth will occur, and how it will be accommodated.

HOW WE **GROW:**
MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

The Municipal Comprehensive Review will look at the land we have available across Niagara, and will ensure we have enough to sustain our expected growth to the year 2041. It will also examine how that land is distributed throughout Niagara.

HOW WE **FLOW:**

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HOW WE **GROW:**
DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY-LAW

The new Development Charges Background Study and By-law will align the infrastructure for our expected growth and how we will pay for it. It will connect with and reflect how we plan to grow, flow and go.

HOW WE **GO:**

The Transportation Master Plan will look at how we currently travel in and around Niagara and how we can improve our transportation systems, including options for walking, cycling and public transit, to better serve Niagara's future needs.

Get involved:

Residents are invited to attend a Public Information Centre in their community to learn how each of these projects contribute to Niagara's overall growth plan for the next 25 years, and how you can have your voice heard.

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There is an opportunity at any time during this process for interested persons to bring comments and concerns to the attention of the project managers, and to review outstanding issues. If you have any questions or comments or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact us at niagararegion.ca/2041.

The Transportation and Water and Wastewater studies follow the Master Plan process as outlined in Section A.2.7 of the Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Oct 2000, as amended in 2000, 2011 and 2015). The Master Plan will be filed under Approach #2 of the MEA Class EA Approach for Master Planning. The Master Servicing Plan will satisfy the planning requirements for Schedule A, A+ and select Schedule B projects and provide the basis for future investigations of identified Schedule B and C projects.

If you require any accommodations for a disability in order to access the project documents, contact the Accessibility Advisory Coordinator at 905-980-6000- ext. 3252 or 1-800-263-7215 or accessibility@niagararegion.ca to make the appropriate arrangements.

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Giant Swans at Abino Bay

Some years ago on a cold blustery day in mid-November, we drove to Abino Bay.

There they were!

Nestled in Poverty Bay and protected from the full force of Lake Erie's powerful winds, we started the count. As we drove out for a closer look, the number of the giant swans grew. I said to nature partner, the late Bob Chambers, "There must be at least 100 Whistling swans!"

We continued on to the Bertie Boat Club and turned around. Bob in the passenger seat and with much better eyesight than I, he began the count. The beautiful birds were grouped in pockets. Carefully Bob counted. 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, and then over 100. His count, 118 farther out in the bay and then closer into shore, very close, Bob counted 23 more.

In total, 141 Trumpeter swans here in Fort Erie. How long will they stay? I imagine when the winds subside they will be on their way to the Atlantic coast. We would check them out the next morning.

At 9:32 a.m. Nov.17. Elaine and I headed for Point Abino. Not one Whistling swan in sight! The winds have subsided some, so it's off again for our swans to warmer climates.

Each Fall large numbers of Whistling swans pause briefly on the Great Lakes before moving to their winter quarters along the Atlantic coast. They are closely related to the Trumpeter swan which has been reduced to near extinction. The Whistling or Tundra swan breeds in the Arctic tundra. Not many hunters go there, so they continue to thrive.

The Trumpeter; however, breeds in our western provinces and is more accessible to hunters. Both these birds are magnificent species. Again, in 2016 we plan to check Abino Bay on a regular basis.

"Here today and gone tomorrow."

With a Timmy's in hand it's a good morning's destination. We could hear the mellow, rich bugling calls as they rested in the Abino Bay. Will others stop over? I hope so. Drive out to the Bertie Boat Club at Point Abino Road and look for these great birds. You never know.

Not welcome in the bay. We saw two Mute swans. These rare swans — those with yellow bills resting in the bay. They are from Europe and not very sociable.

Earl Plato is a Fort Erie resident, nature lover and local historian.

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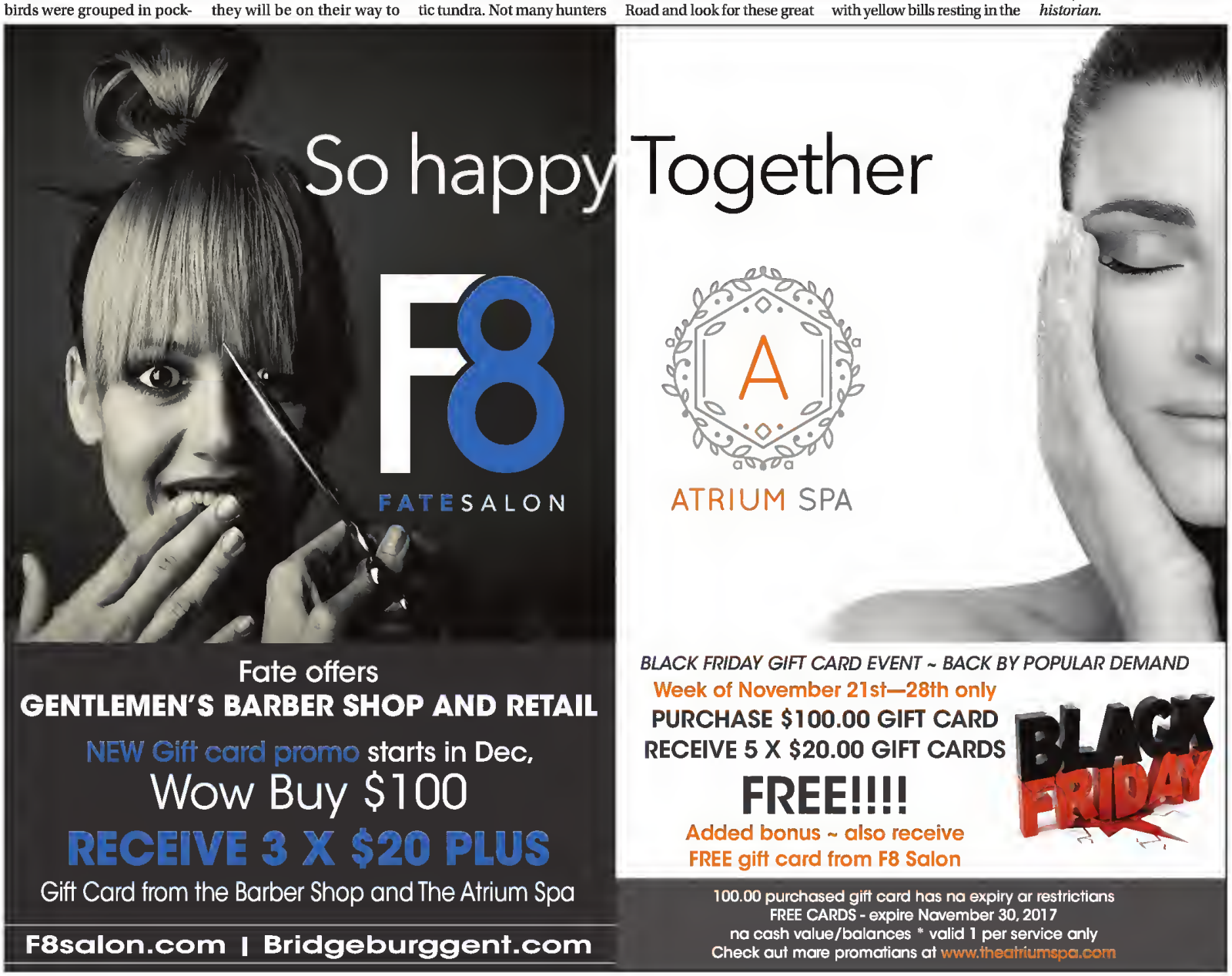
We saw those Double Crested cormorants — five of these large birds near Bertie Boat Club.



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Washington's gaffe 'set the world on fire'

George Washington enjoys a pretty good reputation today.

During the American Revolution that began in 1775, the French sided with the young, upstart country and threw in with the American patriots who were fighting under Washington. That just shows you how quickly things can change.

Because in 1753, Washington was not looked on kindly by the French. He wasn't thought of too highly by the British, either.

And it was all because of his conduct during meetings with two French-Canadians who travelled extensively between Fort Frontenac, where Kingston is today, and the Niagara Peninsula. The first was Phillipe-Thomas Chabert de Joncaire, a highly regarded emissary who worked on behalf of the French Crown in New France.

He was the son of a member of the personal guard of the governor of New France, an officer in the colonial regulars, agent to the First Nations and a trader. He'd lived with the Senecas since the age of 10, travelling back and forth between Fort Frontenac and all through the Niagara frontier and even into Pennsylvania.

Joncaire met Washington in 1753, while Joncaire was in charge of a new fort just south of Lake Erie and Washington was a major in the British colonial army. Washington had been given the task by the governor of Virginia to essentially tell the French-Canadians to get out of the Ohio Valley and Pennsylvania.

When Washington met with Joncaire, he was treated kindly by a bemused Joncaire, fed and put up for the night. Joncaire suggested Washington talk to Joncaire's boss at a fort further north, where Washington was again wined and dined and treated politely, but was told firmly the French-Canadians were not leaving, and sent on his way.

When Washington returned to the area less than a year later, he met the second French-Canadian. Washington ordered an attack on a French-Canadian emissary that was essentially on the same mission he'd met Joncaire on, only instead of demanding the French leave, the French-Canadian was carrying an official letter demanding the British leave.

The attack — essentially a surprise attack in peacetime — resulted in the death of Joseph Coulon de Villiers, Sieur de Jumonville, a diplomat acting for the French.

Jumonville's older brother was in charge of a large force of French-Canadian troops not far off. When word of the attack reached them, they quickly took to the trail to chase down Washington's smaller force. Washington, meanwhile, had built a palisaded defensive position not far from where the stil- unburied bodies of the Canadiens lied.

By the time Jumonville's brother and troops happened upon the area of Washington's attack, they were incensed.

They buried the dead and then quickly surrounded Washington and the British. After nine hours of Canadien sharpshooters picking away at the British and colonial troops, Washington was offered the opportunity to surrender.

He signed the surrender, in which he admitted he'd "assassinated" an emissary of the French Crown: Jumonville.

The turmoil created by this death eventually grew into the Seven Years War. It might have been avoided if Washington had treated Jumonville as Joncaire had treated Washington. Instead, as British politician Horace Walpole said, "a volley fired by a young Virginian in the backwoods of America set the world on fire."

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Portrait of George Washington.

Do you remember?

We have it on good authority that the soldier in last week's column had served in Vietnam. If this helps anyone to remember his name, please let us know so that he may be added to the list of Fort Erie soldiers honoured here at the Museum.

This week's Do You Remember photo appears to be marking a special birthday celebration for this lady. If you recognize her, please call the Museum at 905-894-5322 or send us an e-mail museum@forterie.ca.

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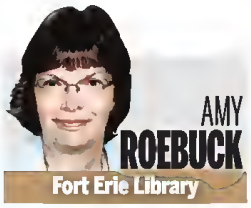
Quit smoking, holiday decorating



Have you read the Roald Dahl book or seen the film *BFG*? Did you like the jars that held everyone's dreams?

At the Fort Erie Public Library, Stevensville branch this coming Wednesday, children of all ages will gather at 6 p.m. for an evening story time for all ages, and the craft will be a 'galaxy jar' to build and take home. Don't forget to take along your stuffy; who knows what fun the critters will get up to after you head home and the library closes?

A designer from Sobeys floral department will visit the Crystal Ridge branch of the Fort Erie Public Library on Wednesday evening, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. to demonstrate the latest decorating ideas for the holidays. The program is free, and there will be a draw at the end of the evening for some of the beautiful creations.

There are wonderful books full of ideas in the library collection, including *Holiday Cheer*: festive inspirations for your best season ever, which includes both recipes and decorating, and Susan Wasinger's *Artful Christmas*. Place a hold online, or visit any branch to find your ideal craft.

We all know that cigarette smoking is very bad for us, adversely affecting our health in ways too numerous to contemplate. Melanie Seguin of the Niagara Region Public Health Department will be at the Centennial branch to offer information and answer any questions for people who want to stop smoking, but don't know where to start. There is lots of help out there!

Genius, our film offering on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at the Crystal Ridge branch and on Thursday, Nov. 24 at the Centennial branch, is a dramatic literary biography, a stirring depiction of the complicated friendship and professional relationship between the world-renowned book editor Maxwell Perkins and the literary giant Thomas Wolfe, starring Nicole Kidman, Guy Pearce, Colin Firth, Jude Law and Laura Linney.

As American Thanksgiving approaches, we know the Fort Erie Santa Claus Parade is not far behind. Families should start planning now for Saturday, Nov. 26, when volunteers and staff at the Centennial branch will offer a free cup of hot chocolate to visitors of all ages. Beginning at 11:00 a.m., during the hour before the parade starts children are invited to come to the branch to write a letter to Santa, which they can hand to the postal elves at the parade, right outside the library doors. Everyone who writes a letter will get a response from Santa himself. The write-a-letter program runs from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., and the parade will begin soon after.

Men, don't forget to sign up for "The Right Way to Shave," an interactive presentation on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Centennial branch. If you would like to learn how to use a straight razor, or you have an electric razor now and have thought about the clean, close shave of a manual razor, Mike Daigle of Bridgeburg Gentleman's Shoppe in F8 Salon wants to share his expertise. There is no charge for this program, well-suited to the end of "Movember". Please bring one or two small hand towels, a bowl for water, and your razor, if you have one.

Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

Instilling a sense of gratitude in youth

KRIS DUBÉ
Special to the Fort erie times

Young Canadians are incredibly fortunate they do not live in a war-torn country.

This is a message delivered by the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 71 last Thursday, the day before Remembrance Day, when members and local veterans held ceremonies at three elementary schools in Greater Fort Erie.

Students at Our Lady of Victory, St. Philomena and Peace Bridge Public School were all treated to the wisdom and insight of the presentations.

"The young people are our future in tbis country and the future of the Legion as well," said Br. 71 president Patricia Street.

She also said the school visits hopefully allowed the students to really consider how lucky they are, compared to others their age in other parts of the world where conflict and violence is very common, sometimes a part of daily life.

"We want them to appreciate what they bave. You can't really expect them to know what war is like because they've never experienced it," said Street.

"We're all very fortunate," she said.

Br. 71 and Br. 230 also held ceremonies at their respective cenotaphs on Remembrance Day.

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Students at Our Lady of Victory School give their attention to local war veterans at a ceremony hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion branch 71 last week.

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Protesters demand audit

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Fred Bracken of Fort Erie travelled to Welland to protest the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority and demand a forensic audit.

About 20 people gathered in front of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority building on Thorold Road in Welland with protest signs.

It was a chilly Wednesday afternoon last week, but the group was adamant about protesting the NPCA and demanding a forensic audit be done on the organization.

"I fully believe in the forensic audit," Welland resident Judi Bennett said.

Bennett and many other protesters on scene shared the notion that, as taxpayers, they are paying the NPCA's wages and have a right to know what's going on.

St. Catharines resident Vicki-Lynn Smith came to Welland to voice her concerns as well.

Asked if she had a specific issue with the NPCA, she responded by saying, "I have a citizen issue and if my taxes are paying for something, I expect them to do the job my taxes are paying for."

Dave Honey, president of the Niagara Landowners Association, wants complete transparency from the organization and also to know how the organization is using his tax dollars.

Bennett said they support Niagara Centre MPP Cindy Forster's letter to the Ministry of Natural Resources asking for a forensic audit of the organization.

Communications specialist for the NPCA, Michael Reles said NPCA regularly shares its audit statements online and said the agency is "ahead of the curve" in terms of transparency.

It is also the only one to live-stream board meetings, he said.

"There are's only two other conservation authorities in the province that post their financial statements monthly and report them to the board, which we do."

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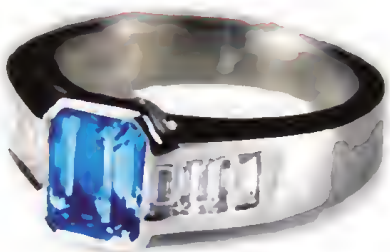

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Santa is making his way to town

KRIS DUBÉ
Special to the Fort Erie Times

The community is once again preparing to welcome Santa Claus.

"We are thrilled with the response from the community, and throughout Niagara, in support of the parade, this year boasts an excellent lineup of floats, bands, and community organizations" said Barbara Horning, co-organizer of this year's annual holiday celebration, taking place Nov. 26 at noon.

Several initiatives and events are part of the parade, including the Kinsmen Club of Fort Erie collecting new unwrapped toys for their Gift of Love Campaign, and Fort Erie Firefighters collecting canned goods and non-perishables for distribution among local food banks throughout town.

The Centennial branch of the Fort Erie Public Library will also be a hub of activity prior to the parade.

From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., families can go inside and enjoy hot chocolate, colouring, crafts, and create their letters to Santa, which will be picked up during the parade from Santa's helpers at Canada Post.

From noon to 4 p.m., the 'Elf Party' will take place at Regional Limousine (207 Jarvis Street) featuring a photo booth, free hot chocolate and popcorn, crafts facilitated by the Fort Erie Arts Council, and Santa himself will make an appearance for photos following the parade.

Ward 2 Coun. and co-organizer Stephen Passero says the parade is a "huge undertaking," but everyone involved enjoys being part of such a great community tradition.

Anyone looking to volunteer at the parade can contact Passero at 905-871-9868, or attend a volunteer pizza night at the Centennial Library on Tues. Nov. 22 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Jarvis Street from Central Avenue to Klauck Street will be closed at 10 a.m., with the remaining roads along the route beginning to close at 11 a.m. An accessible viewing area for anyone in a wheelchair is being organized by the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee and will be located at the Central Fire Station.

Due to ongoing construction, the route will go down Henrietta Street instead of Catherine Street this year.

For additional information, readers can contact either Stephen Passero at spassero@forterie.ca or Barbara Horning at barbara.horning@gmail.com

KRIS DUBÉ/SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Members of the Fort Erie Optimists and Omettes and Niagara Whalers junior A hockey team out of Port Colborne are getting ready for the Fort Erie Santa Claus Parade, along with co-organizers Stephen Passero and Barbara Horning. This year's parade is Saturday, Nov. 26.

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Dr. John Inigo is a practicing general dentist in Fort Erie and Ridgeway, ON. He can be reached at Inigo Bertie Dentistry, 905.871.2903 or Inigo Ridgeway Dentistry, 905.894.5555. For further information and discussion, please visit his office at www.inigodentistry.com.

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Finding resiliency after the war

CHERYL CLOCK
Postmedia Network

On the sidewalk in front of his house, a man stands frozen in a salute. He is in uniform, a beige long-sleeved button down shirt with pleated pants that seem as if they'd slide off his 90-year-old frame if not for a belt that might just be as old as him.

The white hat is an original kepi, the formal head wear of the French Foreign Legion. It's tall like a top hat, but distinctive for its flat, circular top and visor. His son found it on an auction site and bought it for his father's birthday. The pants and shirt are not authentic French Foreign Legion.

Albert Tonn, the man inside, is.

He stands as still as his two replaced hips will allow, a human statue guarding his personal palace. He raised two sons here, with his wife, Marie, a woman with Lucille Ball-red hair, who baked the best butter tarts in the world. They met in 1952, when Albert was staying at a boarding house on Clifton Hill. He had moved to Niagara Falls from northern Ontario to work on the expansion of the Sir Adam Beck generating station. He was part of a tunnel drilling crew. Marie worked in the boarding house kitchen. Albert liked her chili.

They were married on Oct. 16, 1954, a day after Hurricane Hazel struck southern Ontario, causing rivers and streams to overflow their banks. There was no electricity, so the ceremony at Morrison Street United Church was simple, by candlelight. The roads to Toronto were washed out, so they had to cancel their honeymoon.

Marie died in 2014, a week after her 86th birthday and a month before their 60th wedding anniversary.

She grew beautiful rose bushes in their backyard. Every year, Albert brings a red rose to her graveside at Fairview Cemetery.

And on this day, he stands guard in front of their home, and awaits a visitor. His stillness is interrupted by a smile. Then in crisp, military-esque syllables, he introduces himself, en francais.

"Le Legionaire premiere classe, Albert Tonn.

"Le quatrieme regiment du Maroc, a Fez."

His 57-year-old son, Ken Tonn, peers around the corner of the house. He lives with his father, and wondered what he was up to. This time.

Last summer, at a spry 89, he climbed onto the rooftop of his two-storey bungalow and in his traditional work clothes — a white muscle tank and work pants — set about re-shingling one side of his house. One of his neighbours, whose house backs on to his, happened to notice Albert on the roof and shouted at him from her window, "Get down or I'll call the police on you." She was, of course, kidding but was none-the-less concerned for his safety. Albert is a man for whom determination often mingles with stubbornness. He did not get down off the roof, but was agreeable to a compromise: his oldest son, Rick, 59, joined him to finish the job.

This past summer, not long after his 90th birthday, Albert stood on top of a ladder and pounded fence posts into the ground with a sledgehammer. Recently, Ken found him in the backyard, cutting up the old fence slats with a large hacksaw. After that, he mixed cement to patch a crack in the foundation, then asked his son, Ken: "What other jobs need to be done."

He tends the tomatoes in his vegetable garden. Speaks four languages. Polish, his mother tongue. German. French. And English. And a couple months ago, he passed his driving test.

He is a man as comfortable in uniform as he is in any one of his five Hawaiian shirts.

"Every time I wear one of these shirts, every person says, 'I love your shirt,'" he says.

He comes by longevity and good health honestly. His mother lived to 94; his aunt to 100. He drinks a litre of half-and-half cream daily, which he swears keeps him healthy. Smokes. And on a hot summer afternoon might refresh himself with a couple of beers.

His life history is written with a pen of resilience.

He was born in Poland to German parents. They lived a simple but good life in a small farming community. His mother rode a bus 30 kilometres into town to sell cream and butter at the market. And his father, pedalled his bike into town with a basket full of pike, salmon and eels.

All that changed when war broke out.

In September 1939, his father was accidentally shot and killed while crossing a river that ran behind his home. He was caught in the line of fire by an advancing German army.

In 1944, he was drafted into the German air force, originally assigned to be a gunner, but orders were changed and he ended up in a paratrooper regiment. They were supposed to be dropped off at Normandy, but due to a fuel shortage the planes couldn't get off the ground. Eventually, he ended up in northeastern France to await an advancing U.S. army that snuck up on them from behind. They were outnumbered, and surrendered, but not before Albert was shot, through the groin and out the butt cheek.

He was taken to hospital, then moved to a PoW camp in France.

There, he endured malnutrition, disease, and unsanitary conditions. He slept outside on his coat, and if he was lucky, a piece of cardboard from the kitchen. He saw other prisoners eat their own feces. He spent time in three camps, the final one close to the German boarder where conditions were better. They slept in wooden huts and, occasionally, helped local farmers to pick fruit in the orchards. In turn, he was rewarded fresh bread, vegetables and fruit.

It was here, at this camp, that a contingent from the French Foreign Legion came looking for new recruits. Albert had been in the PoW camps for a year, and thought of the death and despair he'd seen. He didn't know where his family was, or even if they had survived the war.

So on March 28, 1946, he signed up. He was a year too young, so his birth date was changed.

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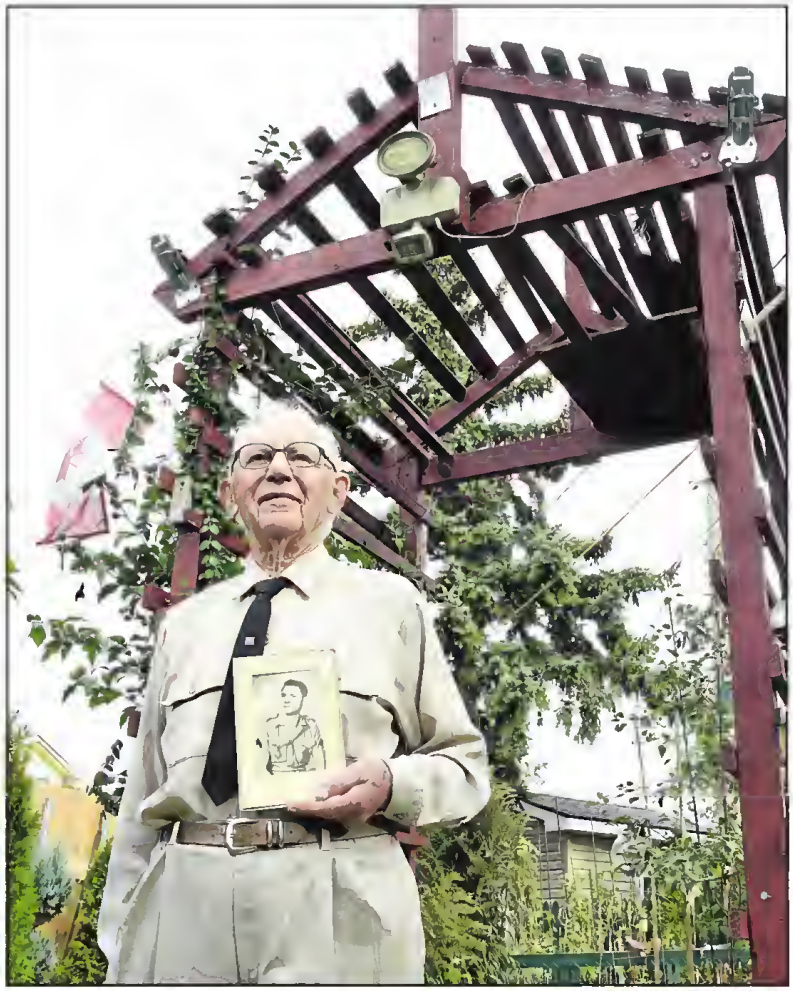

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Albert Tonn, 90, standing guard in front of his garden with a photo of himself in his French Foreign Legion uniform.

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Lakeshore Catholic High School students were in for a big surprise when three actors from the Canadian film *How She Move* walked into the school's theatre.

As part of Reel Canada, students watched the 2007 movie shown at Toronto International Film Festival before being surprised last Tuesday by actors Daniel Keith Morrison, Dwain Murphy and Kevin Duhaney. The actors said they chose to participate in because they said they wished there had been something similar when they were in school.

Reel Canada is a non-profit organization that promotes Canadian films. Lakeshore Catholic hosted its event in observation of National Canadian Film Day.

Lakeshore Catholic has welcomed Reel Canada to the school for the past four years. Vice-principal Andrew Boon said students are shown futures they could have in Canadian arts and theatre.

"When you are exposing students to Canadian films you are exposing them to career opportunities and enrichment in things that perhaps we don't talk about enough," Boon said.

"I think we are a very modest country, we're a very humble country and I think this is an opportunity for us to fly our flag and say, 'Hey, look at what we can do, look at what we can produce.'"

Boon said the Reel Canada event ties into what is taught at the Port Colborne school. One of the art classes is a technology class in which students learn about set design, sound and stage production.

Boon said having the actors visit and host a Q&A session after the film encouraged students to become more passionate about their studies.

Grade 10 student Alisia Humphreys said she was looking forward to meeting the actors. Humphreys along with Hannab Traynor, Grade 10, and Logan Willick, Grade 11, got to meet the actors before the Q&A. The three students are part of a school club called the Dance Ambassadors which performs at school events. The three young women had the unique chance to meet the actors because of their involvement with dance. *How She Move* tells the story of dancers battling in a competition to win $50,000.

"I was overwhelmed to see (the actors). It's cool to see them on the screen and then in person," Humphreys said.

The actors were just as thrilled to be at the high school promoting Canadian arts and film.

Murphy, known for his role in the 2007 movie *Poor Boy's Game* with Rossif Sutherland and Danny Glover, said all three actors feel it's important to inspire students and encourage them to pursue their dreams.

"No matter where you are, who you are, where you're from, your background or whatever, it's still possible to make a living as an artist in anything," Murphy said.

The Canadian actors agreed they chose to be part of Reel Canada because even if they can impact two or three students, that's great. The advice they'd give anyone wanting to act is to grow a thick skin because actors and artists have to deal with rejection.

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Families invited on a StoryWalk

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A new Niagara initiative is combining early literacy and physical activity in hopes of drawing more families outdoors.

StoryWalk has participants walk through an outdoor space, stopping to read large laminated pages from a children's book at various points along the way.

A month-long pilot project for the initiative was first launched locally at Heartland Forest in Niagara Falls last November.

It was deemed an overwhelming success and received much positive feedback from the community, said Donna Dalgleish, of the Niagara Children's Planning Council, which is overseeing the project.

As a result, work has been underway to expand StoryWalk and to introduce it in various communities throughout the region.

Through funding provided by the Healthy Kids Community Challenge, 20 StoryWalk kits will be created and made available to the public to borrow at no cost from any of Niagara's public libraries.

The kits, available in French and English and for a variety of age groups, must first be booked online at nfpl.info/storywalk. A library card is not required.

More information about the program as well as booking criteria and other resources are available on the website.

Upcoming StoryWalk events will also be listed online, so anyone borrowing the kits who wish to make their events open to the public can easily do so.

An event has been scheduled to launch the expanded program on Sunday, Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Warner Ranch, 7705 Schisler Rd. in Niagara Falls.

It will include StoryWalks in both French and English, as well as wagon rides, farm animals and snacks.

In an effort to help raise awareness of the initiative, Dalgleish and fellow planning council member Laura Shtern presented on the topic to Niagara Region's public health and social services committee.

Shtern spoke about the benefits StoryWalk provides, including the promotion of literacy, outdoor play, physical wellness and family engagement.

There are "mountains of reports" indicating how important each of those factors are for childhood development, she said.

Each of the storyboards includes questions that are meant to act as conversation prompts to encourage families participating in the walk to talk about the books they're reading together, Shtern said.

StoryWalk books are selected by a number of local professionals involved in the world of literacy, including early childhood educators, teachers and librarians.

Dalgleish said the topics of the books often include nature, the seasons and agriculture to complement the outdoor theme of the project.

Feedback is sought to further develop the initiative and explore potential options for permanent StoryWalk locations in Niagara, including schools, parks, child-care centres and conservation sites.

Pelham Coun. Brian Baty recommended the pair get in touch with active transportation committees in each of Niagara's municipalities.

"You have boots on the ground, groups of people that have been promoting active transportation and would be just absolutely delighted to assist you in implementing this program," he told the presenters. "It's hand in glove."

Similarly, Thorold Coun. Henry D'Angela urged the planning council to touch base with Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, which may be able to assist with potential outdoor locations for the deconstructed books.

"There's a great opportunity to build a good partnership there," he said.

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Donna Dalgleish, with Niagara Children's Planning Council, shows some of the story boards that will be part of the official StoryWalk launch this coming Sunday at Warner Ranch in Niagara Falls. StoryWalk is an opportunity for children to experience reading a book while walking through a park, trail or neighbourhood.

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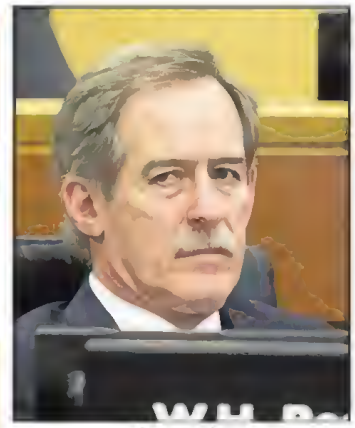
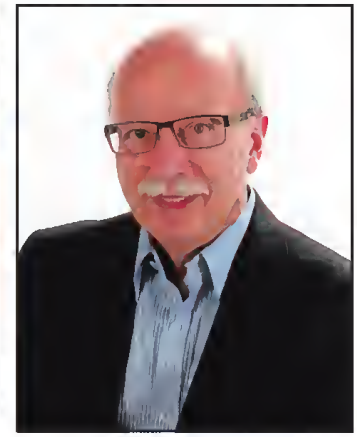


JULIE JOCSAK/ POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop, a member of regional council, has questioned the transit plan.



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Brian Heit, a regional councillor for St. Catharines.

Road to inter-municipal transit not so smooth

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"It's frustrating for me because I see great opportunity for this system to actually connect Niagara. I see it as the sole, single project that we're working on here to bring Niagara together."

The proposed model would amalgamate St. Catharines, Welland and Niagara Falls transit systems into a single entity to be governed by a new corporation.

Communities outside of the three large urban centres would be responsible for their own local transit in order to link to the inter-municipal connections.

Redekop said it takes students in his community three hours to get to Brock University using public transit — a ride time he fears will not be significantly shortened under the new model.

"I have my views on how this is going to work. It's going to work fantastically for the people in the core area and along the north once GO is going. It's not going to do an awful lot for the people in south Niagara, along the Lake Erie shoreline."

St. Catbarines Coun. Brian Heit stressed that the system is being built for all Niagara residents, not only students.

Just as gas stations and convenience stores are not found on every corner, tbe transit system cannot cover every inch of the community to offer the "ultimate Cadillac service," he said. "We can't afford it.

He said councillors must think about what taxpayers can afford and not just "about those anomalies in communities."

"Even in St. Catharines there are people who have to walk 15 minutes to get to a bus."

Welland Mayor Frank Campion said the system "has to start somewhere" and that launching point is not likely going to be the ideal.

Instead, the system will continue to evolve over time to meet market needs and the demands of the community, he said.

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Welland Mayor Frank Campion.

The proposal for a consolidated model was recently presented to St. Catharines, Welland and Niagara Falls councils.

Additional information was requested from eacb on the proposed governance model, how it will be structured and how it will impact each municipality, Kar said, adding details of the cost were also sought.

That information is expected to be available early in the new year, he said.

Public consultation will begin this week and run until the end of November.

Four public meetings will be held at various Niagara locations. The meetings began yesterday at St. Catharines Kiwanis Aquatics Centre.

Details on the remaining consultation meetings are available at www.niagararegion.ca/transit.

Residents can also complete a survey on the website.

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Protesters demand audit

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As for the forensic audit, he said audits of that kind are not usually done on an entire organization. Rather, audits are done of operations or certain projects within the organization.

"The ministry already commented that it can't be ordered (to do an audit) and, in fact, I've been informed that only our board of directors can order a forensic audit," Reles said.

He said one of the reasons people are protesting is because the NPCA regulates what people can and can't do with private property, but the organization is following the provincial government mandate.

"You're going to make some people angry in that process, and it's unfortunate that we can't build a dialogue with people who are upset about maybe what we've not allowed them to do on their property."

In response to those protesting former NPCA chief administrative officer Carmen D'Angelo specifically, he said D'Angelo always had an open door policy and anyone could have met with him to discuss their issues.

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A group of about 20 protesters gathers outside of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority office on Thorold Road in Welland carrying signs that demand transparency and a forensic audit.

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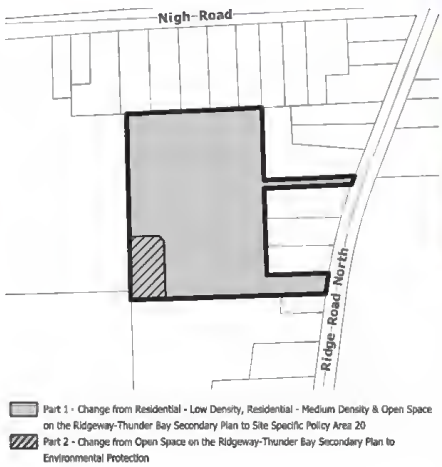
APPLICANT: ROYAL OAK PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS LTD. (BRENT KING) FILE #: 350302-0095

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law Number 124-2016 being a by-law to adopt **Amendment #31** to the Official Plan for the Town of Fort Erie Planning Area on the 14th day of November, 2016 under Section 22 of the Planning Act.



AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or public body may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the **7th day of December, 2016** a notice of the appeal setting out the reasons for the appeal and the specific part of the proposed official plan amendment to which the appeal applies. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of $300.00. A certified cheque or money order made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment #31 is exempt from approval by the Regional Municipality of Niagara and the decision of Council is final if a notice of appeal is not received before or on the last day for filing a Notice of Appeal.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT
The purpose and effect of Amendment No. 31 is to amend the Town of Fort Erie's Official Plan to change the land use designation of the lands shown on the map above from "Residential – Low Density, "Residential – Medium Density" and "Open Space" to "Special Policy Area 20" to permit townhouse and semi-detached dwellings at a minimum density of 16 units/hectare and from "Open Space" to "Environmental Protection" to permit passive open space and the protection of the natural heritage feature only.

INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE AMENOMENT
Information pertaining to the proposed Official Plan Amendment application and the adopted Official Plan Amendment #31 is available at the Clerk's Office and the Planning and Development Services Department during regular office hours, and can also be found on the Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.on.ca.

OTHER APPLICATIONS
An application for Zoning By-law Amendment, File No. 350309-403, was approved by the Municipal Council of the Town Fort Erie on November 14th, 2016.

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DON FRASER/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Syrian refugees to Niagara Wael Kadmous, wife Mania Atiya and their daughter Mia are shown at a Knights of Columbus hall breakfast on Sunday.

Syrian refugees 'overwhelmed and very grateful'

DON FRASER
POSTMEDIA NETWORK

It came out the out of the blue — a nightmare of guns and death.

Everything that Wael Kadmous and Mania Atiya knew was being torn apart by a civil war pounding their Syrian city of Homs.

"The war began, and people just started killing each other," said Kadmous, 28, in a translated interview at the Knights of Columbus Council 1394 hall in St. Catharines.

"We never thought to carry any weapons or to fight with or against anyone."

As the conflict escalated, water and food became scarce. People literally could not go to work, he said.

"So in 2012 we had to flee to Lebanon to stay safe, and get away from that war."

They became refugees and stayed in a safe-room not much larger than the bathroom of their Port Dalhousie apartment where they recently moved.

"It was quite a challenge. We left our family, friends, and everything we knew," said Kadmous, noting the couple had their child Mia, now 2, as stateless refugees. Because of the war, there was fear of Syrians in Lebanon, so it was also hard to find employment there.

Kadmous — whose family came to Niagara on Halloween on Mia's birthday — is among a number of Canadian refugee families sponsored through the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Catharines.

Acting as the local co-ordinators was a refugee team from Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church in Port Dalhousie that included its Catholic Women's League.

Supporting them was the Knights of Columbus, who helped raise $30,000 needed for the private sponsorship.

Roncia Zinati — a Star of the Sea parishioner — said when Atiya was to give birth, they registered with the United Nations to get needed help and hospital care.

"We were looking for a family to sponsor for our church and had a contact who was in Lebanon, worked with the UN and who recommended this little Catholic family," said Zinati, who also served as a translator for the Sunday interview.

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BOB TYMCZYSZYN/STANDARD STAFF

Sales representative Patrick Dummit of Royal LePage, outside a north-end St. Catharines property, says Niagara's hot housing market shown no immediate signs of cooling down.

Niagara real estate feels GTA heat

October sale prices up 26 per cent over same month last year

DON FRASER
POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Niagara's real estate market is at a boil, and continuing a trend that may steam ahead for some time.

Last week, the Niagara Association of Realtors reported 760 property sales were processed through the Multiple Listing Service last month — a 14.8 per cent increase in sales over October last year.

Meanwhile, the residential average sale price of $353,5023 is a whopping 26 per cent higher than October 2015.

The average days on the market decreased to 34 from 56 in the residential freehold market, and to 51 from 84 in the condo market over that same time.

It reinforces the sector's recent robustness in the region, with little abatement in sight.

"I'd say we're in for eight to 10 years of continuous growth here," said Patrick Dummitt, president of the asociation.

Dummitt — who suggests the data shows the Niagara market is now among the leaders in the province — points to factors in the region driving desirability here, including an announced GO Train expansion and new residential developments in places such as Niagara Falls.

"I'm experiencing it firsthand (in) talking to other realtors ... with people buying 10 and 15 lots at a time, sight unseen," he said, speaking specifically to the Falls.

Those purchasers include people from the GTA and other realtors representing clients putting in reserves on multiple lots, before ground is even broken.

As for affordability, Dummitt said it's "kind of like a double-edged sword" with Niagara previously showing modest real estate valuations.

"Now, we seem to be catching up with the rest of the province, and its major centres," said Dummitt, also a realtor with Royal LePage Niagara Real Estate Centre and based in St. Catharines.

That powering-up is coming in large measure from the GTA, he said. A house that might sell in Toronto for perhaps $1.5 million in Toronto might be cashed in for a decent $500,000 Niagara pad.

The result for the relocating homeowner is "putting $1 million in the bank and having a darned-good lifestyle."

There is also a foreign investor trend, Dummitt said, and much of that is from Asian deep-pocket investors seeking value.

"So as far as affordability here, it's all relative," he said. "You have to save a little more or qualify a little better and have backers or guarantors on hand to help you out."

The rises aren't without precedent, the realtor added, citing a period in the mid-1980s when home prices were going up as much as 25 per cent a year.

"For many years now, we've talked about how comparatively undervalued Niagara was," said McGarr Realty Corp. broker Patrick Burke.

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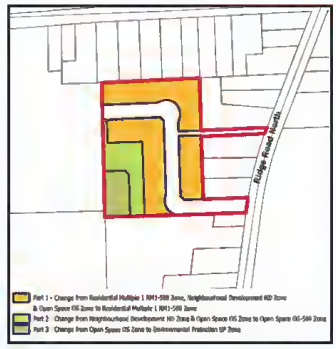
NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW

APPLICANT: ROYAL OAK PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS LTD.
File No. 350309-0403
OWNER: Royal Oak Property Developments (Brent King)

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed **By-law No. 125-2016** on the 14th day of November, 2016 under section 34 (18) of The Planning Act, 1990.



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The complete By-law and map is available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours and can also be found on the **Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.ca.**

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

1. The purpose and effect of By-law No. 125-2016 is to amend Town of Fort Erie Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 129-90 by changing the zoning of the lands shown on the location map from "Neighbourhood Development (ND) Zone", "Open Space (OS) Zone" and "Residential Multiple 1 (RM1-508) Zone" to "Residential Multiple 1 (RM1-568) Zone" for Part 1; "Open Space (OS-569) Zone" for Part 2 and Environmental Protection (EP) Zone for Part 3.

"Residential Multiple 1 (RM1-508) Zone"

- The lands can only be used for Semi-detached and townhouse dwellings, and
- The regulations of Section 13.4 for semi-detached dwellings shall apply to any semi-detached dwellings located on the lands.
- Townhouse dwelling are subject to the following:
  - Maximum lot coverage for exterior street townhouse – 60%
  - Maximum lot coverage for interior street townhouse – 70%
  - Minimum planting strip – 0 m
  - Front yard setback of dwelling to daylighting triangle – 1.7 m.
- Townhouse and semi-detached dwellings are subject to the following:
  - Front yard setback to covered porch less than .5m above grade – 2.5 m
  - Front yard setback from daylighting triangle to covered porch less than 0.5 m above grade – 0.5 m

"Open Space (OS-569) Zone"

The lands can only be used for a stormwater management pond

OTHER APPLICATIONS

An application for Official Plan Amendment File Nos. 350302-0095, was approved by the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie on November 14th, 2016.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016
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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION ISF-16Q-TREE PARK, CEMETERY & STREET TREE PLANTING

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie is inviting Quotations for Park, Cemetery & Street Tree Planting.

Sealed quotations clearly marked as to its contents and addressed to the Corporate Services Department will be received by the Customer Service Unit, Municipal Centre, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario
NO LATER TUESDAY, NOV 22, 2016 AT 2PM.

This bid opportunity can be obtained in the following ways:
- Visiting www.biddingo.com/forterie
- Contacting the Manager, Procurement, Finance and Risk at rmartins@forterie.ca, 905-871-1600 ext. 2303.
- Picking up a copy at the Customer Service Unit

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Email: icollee@forterie.on.ca

***** Nomination forms must be completed and submitted prior to Friday, January 20th, 2017 to the above mentioned address, Attention: Cathy Dennahower**

MIKE DIBATTISTA/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Workers were busy installing a synthetic turf field at Greater Fort Erie Secondary School. The new field is being installed at five public secondary schools across the region. The other four schools are A.N. Myer in Niagara Falls, Welland Centennial, and Sir Winston Churchill and Governor Simcoe in St. Catharines.

Red carpet carpet launch

BERNIE PUCHALSKI
Postmedia Network

The District School Board of Niagara rolled out the red carpet Tuesday to herald the impending arrival of five artificial turf fields at the board's secondary schools.

The actual red carpet led people over a construction site to the recently installed turf field at Greater Fort Erie Secondary School.

With the sound of construction on the new high school echoing in the background, DSBN officials and trustees and coaches and teachers from its secondary schools marked the installation of the board's first turf field.

"What makes today even more satisfying is the board is moving forward with four other turf fields for students, in addition to Fort Erie," said Wes Hahn, the board's superintendant of education.

"With this project, the board is making a significant investment in the success of our students."

The board is allocating $5 million in its multi-year capital budget to fund the turf fields at Greater Fort Erie Secondary School, A.N. Myer in Niagara Falls, Centennial in Welland and Governor Simcoe and Sir Winston Churchill in St. Catharines.

Greater Fort Erie will open in September and house the former populations of Fort Erie Secondary and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School. The new school's team nickname will be Grypbons.

Tuesday's announcement was a few years in the making.

"We've been thinking about this for a couple of years and we tried to figure out exactly how we could do it and how we could fund it," said Warren Hoshizaki, DSBN director of education. "Once we started looking at our capital allotment — we've been doing so much with technology and the arts — it was time we did something with synthetic fields.

"We decided it was a no-brainer once we could find the funding for it."

The only work left on the Fort Erie field is the installation of rubber pellets. The board wants to bave tendering done by January for the remaining four fields.

"We hope to have most of the fields done by September ... when the kids come back," Hoshizaki said. "We expect some will be a little further into the fall. It may be September or October."

The fields are being installed at the same time to generate economies of scale.

"We were thinking three one year and two the next year, but we thought if we could do it all together we might be able to get a better deal on it," Hoshizaki said.

When the Niagara Catholic District School Board announced its new turf field at Saint Paul in Niagara Falls, director of education John Crocco said the Catholic board had spent between $100,000 and $150,000 in the summer repairing fields after rainy fall seasons.

The DSBN didn't have a figure for its repair bills, but Hoshizaki said installing artificial turf fields doesn't mean there won't be ongoing costs in addition to the annual $10,000 maintenance budget per field.

"We will have to replace these fields as well, and we have to make sure we have money for that," he said. "It is an ongoing process. They have about a 10- or 11-year lifespan on them."

Costs are obviously less the second time around because the surface and drainage underneath is already in place.

A consultation process was used to determine which schools would receive the artificial turf fields.

"We talked to athletic directors, we talked to principals, and we tried to find a way where we could cover the system," Hoshizaki said. "As you know, in West Lincoln we have an ARC (accommodation review committee) going on so we sort of left that.

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BOB TYMCZYSZYN/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

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Niagara real estate feels GTA heat

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The Niagara broker said when you examine major urban areas, a "suburb effect" happens with real estate.

A nearby example is Barrie north of Toronto, with its rising volume of new construction and home prices and improved transportation links to its southern urban goliath.

"Really it's a matter of we're no longer 'Niagara this little island,' we're 'Niagara which is part of the Golden Horseshoe' and basically a suburb of a major metropolitan world-class city — Toronto," Burke said.

He said a reason the region had seen single-digit increases for so long is that the "buyer-and-seller pie had largely fed itself ... in a closed market."

"And now, we have a huge amount of demand that's not feeding the supply chain," Burke said. "We were getting multiple offers before (in Niagara), but now a lot of them are out of market.

"So we're part of a larger market, is what we've seen," he said. "And I think ... we'll see this trend continue on.

"I don't think we're going to see price increases like we've seen every year, on an annual basis. But I wouldn't be surprised if, in five years, we've seen five years of continuous growth.

"Still, there are so many external factors that could affect that."

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NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW
Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.34(18), O.Reg. 199/96
APPLICANT: THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE
FILE #:350309-0422

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed **By-law No. 123-2016** on the 14th day of November, 2016 under section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

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A key map is not shown since the location of the lands to which the By-law applies, includes the entire Town of Fort Erie. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours and can also be found on the **Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.on.ca.**

PURPOSE AND EFFECT
The purpose and effect of By-law 123-2016 is to amend Town of Fort Erie Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 129-90 by making a number of grammatical and clerical amendments for clarification purposes throughout and by updating the mapping to reflect zoning changes and removal of Environmental Conservation Overlay and Environmental Protection and Environmental Conservation Zoning from subdivisions that were draft Approved prior to the passage of the Official Plan.

In addition, amendments were made as follows:
- Section 1- "Application and Interpretation" by adding "Environmental Conservation Overlay" ;
- Section 5 – "Definitions" by adding "Event Parking" and "In Home Pet Boarding";
- Section 6 – "General Provisions"
  - By granting event parking in Commercial and Core Mixed Use zones and In Home Pet Boarding as a home occupation;
  - To update accessible parking standards to reflect Provincial AODA Standards;
  - Excluding firearms and fireworks from the list of prohibited explosive uses to permit the sale thereof;
  - Deleting swimming pools from the lot coverage calculations;
  - By adding provisions for temporary tents;
  - By adding average dwelling setbacks.
- Section 7 – "Agricultural" - Removing 3 m setback from dwelling
- Section 9 – "Rural" – Removing 3 m setback from dwelling
- Section 14.2 – "Residential Multiple 1" – remove requirement for setbacks from lot line for driveway and parking area.
- Section 16A.5 – "Waterfront Rural Residential " - Clarify that development requires clearance from the Environmental Advisory Committee.
- Section 22 – "Highway Commercial" – Add Day Nursery as a permitted use.
- Section 26D – "Core Mixed Use 4" – Remove requirement for minimum residential floor area.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016
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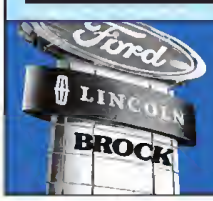

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Art exhibit attendance doubles

KRIS DUBÉ
Special to the Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie's premier arts event was held for a 12th consecutive year last Saturday.

The Red Ribbon Art Exhibit and Sale, at the Leisureplex banquet hall, boasted a group of about 50 artists and their work — some of them students from Fort Erie Secondary School, Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School and Niagara Christian Community of Schools.

Organizer Donna Macleod said ticket sales doubled from last year and each annual installation grows in size.

"Every year, we always seem to have more participants, which is great," she said.

The Red Ribbon Exhibit and Sale is hosted by the Fort Erie Arts Council, a group formed in 2005.

KRIS DUBE/SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Niagara Falls artist Marna Smith shows off some of her paintings at last weekend's Red Ribbon Art Exhibit and Sale.

KRIS DUBE/SPECIAL TO POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Fort Erie artist Lorraine Pichette with some of her work.

KRIS DUBE/SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Guests of the Red Ribbon Art Exhibit and Sale browsing some of the work on display at the event.

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A look back at the week in Niagara

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The 20th Anniversary recipient of the Many Hands Project, a student driven initiative of the Event Management and Construction Renovation Technician programs of Niagara College, was announced on Thursday, November 3 at Benchmark Restaurant. This announcement was made during a Partner Breakfast for past and present sponsors and partners of the Many Hands Project.

Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation Centre was selected as this year's recipient of the Many Hands Project. Hotel Dieu Shaver is a specialty health-care facility that excels in providing rehabilitation, complex care and geriatric services to in-patients and out-patients. The Construction Renovation students will be reconstructing an existing space into a new therapy room named 'The Marketplace' where therapists aim to rehabilitate patients through incorporating real-world obstacles such as shopping, banking and dining out.

The Partner Breakfast included a speech from Mark Carl, Executive Director of The Hope Centre thanking the Many Hands Project for their partnership during the 2015 – 2016 academic year. Through successful fundraising events and renovations by Niagara College students in both programs, the creation of a soup kitchen, community room and food bank has seen upwards of 100 people supported daily at the Hope Centre. As a demonstration of the commitment to provide the Hope Centre with $500 worth of canned goods and produce for one year, Many Hands Project committee members presented November's donation during the formal portion of the morning's program.

The Event Management Program also announced the four fundraising events slated to take place in the Spring of 2017. These events include a pasta dinner, a multimedia trivia event, a fashion and lifestyle marketplace and a country themed evening to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Many Hands Project. Upon concluding the announcement of the recipient and the four fundraising events, guests were invited to interact with the event teams.

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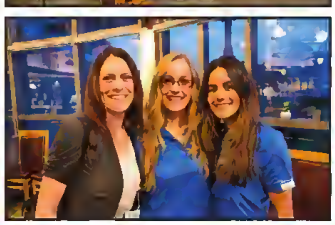
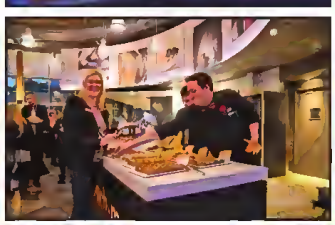

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Shades of Stratford coming to Shaw Festival in 2017

JOHN LAW
Postmedia Network

New artistic director Tim Carroll's first season with the Shaw Festival will bring a bit of the Stratford Festival to Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Veteran Stratford actors Michael Therriault, Sara Topham and Tom McCamus will all jump ship for 2017, in casting announced by the Shaw Festival. All three performers have worked with Carroll in previous productions at Stratford.

Dora-winner Therriault will join Kristi Frank for the musical Me & My Girl at the Festival Theatre. The huge ensemble includes Shaw regulars like Neil Barclay, Jeff Irving and Ric Reid.

Topham, meanwhile, will take the lead role in Saint Joan at the Festival Theatre, which will be Carroll's first show as director at Shaw. She joins Gray Powell, Benedict Campbell and Wade Bogert-O'Brien.

The third show at the Festival Theatre, an adaptation of Dracula, will star Allan Louis as the legendary vampire. Louis earned raves for this year's production of Master Harold ... and the Boys.

McCamus, appearing at Shaw for the first time since 1988, will be the title character in Alan Bennet's The Madness of King George III at the Royal George Theatre. The cast also includes Andre Sills, Patrick McManus and Jim Mezon.

"McCamus is in fact a returner, and we are all really excited to have him back," said Carroll when asked about the Stratford influx. "The others are indeed people I have had joyous times working with, people I thought of as soon as I started casting this season.

"There have always been Shaw actors lured away to Stratford; it's nice to turn the tables."

Dancing at Lughnasa at the Royal George will feature several veteran Shaw actresses, including Claire Jullien, Fiona Byrne and Tara Rosling.

One of Shaw's most highly touted young actors, Andre Sills, returns for the Canadian premiere of Branden Jacobs-Jenkin's An Octoroon at the Royal George, joining Lisa Berry, Diana Donnelly and Ryan Cunningham.

Sanjay Talwar returns to Shaw for the lunchtime show Wilde Tales at the Court House Theatre. Also at the Court House, Shaw favourites Neil Barclay, Kyle Blair and Patrick Galligan star in Shaw's Androcles and the Lion, directed by Carroll. Rounding out the Court House trio of shows, Donna Belleville, Sharry Flett and Marla McLean will star in 1837: The Farmers' Revolt, directed by Philip Akin.

At the 200-seat Maxwell Studio Theatre, recently renamed after outgoing artistic director Jackie Maxwell, Moya O'Connell, Fiona Byrne and Gray Powell will star in Will Eno's bizarre drama Middletown, and Sanjay Talwar will star as former Canadian Prime Minister Joe Clark in Michael Healey's 1979.

Carroll said there were "tough" decisions in casting in his first season, since "casting one person means not casting a thousand others.

"The Shaw has never had a season in which every single longtime member has had a role; it is the life of an actor, and the ensemble understands that. I am pleased that we have so many favourites in the company, and I am sure we will be seeing others in future seasons."

Tickets for the 2017 season go on sale to the general public Dec. 3.

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Artistic director Tim Carroll has scooped some of the Stratford Festival ensemble for his first season with the Shaw Festival next year.

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Syrian refugees to Niagara Wael Kadmous, wife Mania Atiya and their daughter Mia are shown at a Knights of Columbus hall breakfast on Sunday.

Syrian refugees 'overwhelmed and very grateful'

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"Watching this unfold, seeing everybody come together to help this family has been just remarkable," Zinati said. "So many people have taken on so many different roles."

Council 1394 Grand Knight John Nixon said the help was "part of what the Knights of Columbus do — we support local needs like this."

"When we heard about a Star of the Sea team doing this, we were happy to help."

The family was invited to a weekend fundraising breakfast organized by the Knights at their Church Street hall.

Fortunes have rapidly changed for the couple who expressed gratitude for the assistance they've received from the church, and its partners.

Kadmous, who is a carpenter, was recently hired by Enns Cabinetry in St. Catharines.

"It feels pretty good — and safe," Kadmous said in English and with a laugh.

Recently, his brother Saaer and his family have also come to Niagara as sponsored refugees by St. Vincent de Paul in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"I am super grateful for everything everyone has done for us," said Atiya, also in a translation. "I could never imagine it would be so easy to settle here when you are surrounded by so much love, affection, kindness and generosity.

"And I am overwhelmed and very grateful."

The couple said Canadians are the "most generous and kind we have every known, or met."

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When Austrian-born Karl Kaiser arrived in Canada in 1969, "the wine was undrinkable," so he started making his own.

Karl Kaiser looks back at the birth of Canada's wine industry

BILL ZACHARKIW
SPECIAL TO POSTMEDIA NETWORK

In Europe, grape growing has been going for on hundreds, if not thousands of years. The growers of today benefit from the wealth of knowledge passed down from generation to generation.

In newer regions, growers start from scratch; I consider anyone establishing a winery in a region under 50 years old as a pioneer.

But what about being the absolute first?

Austrian-born Karl Kaiser, along with partner Donald Ziraldo, have achieved many firsts. Inniskillin, the winery they started, was the first since the 1920s to receive a winery licence in Ontario. Despite most people telling them they were crazy, they were the first to successfully grow and make wine out of European vinifera vines like Chardonnay, Gamay and Riesling.

It was Kaiser who shaped the method of icewine making, and in 1991, received international accolades for his 1989 icewine that put Niagara on the world map.

And along with Ziraldo, Kaiser spearheaded the creation of the VQA system in the late 1980s.

On a recent trip to the Niagara region, I was honoured to have dinner with Karl, now 75, at his home and have a very humorous chat with a man who is one of the fathers of the Canadian wine industry.

MG: When did you come to Canada?

KK: In 1969. My mother-in-law persuaded me to come over. To be honest, I had a great job back in Austria and I really didn't want to leave.

MG: Were you making wine in Austria?

KK: No, I was a teacher. But I helped my wife's grandfather make wine in his cellar. They had a Heuriger (a tavern that has a special licence to sell its own wine with its own food). We made Sturm, which is fresh wine. They call it storm for wbat it does to your stomach and brain the next day.

MG: You arrived from a culture where wine is part of daily life. What did you find here?

KK: (Laughing) The wine was undrinkable. The first big step of progress I guess was Baby Duck. Andreas Pellar came here from Hungary in the 60s, but couldn't get a winery licence in Ontario. So he moved his family to British Columbia, got one there, and created Cold Duck. They bought a winery here in 1970 and started making Baby Duck, which was made with concord grapes (table grapes) and water.

MG: When did you first drink Baby Duck?

KK: I was studying chemistry at Brock University and I was on the ski team. We went to Mont-Ste-Anne in Quebec and the car broke down. Someone had a bottle of Baby Duck.

MG: What did you think of it?

KK: It was drinkable. But it was a big deal back then because everything else being made was cooked (fortified) wines like Canadian sherry and port. Ladies drank them while men drank beer and scotch. Baby Duck was important because it appealed to young people.

MG: So, you didn't really want to be here and had nothing to drink to drown your sorrows?

KK: I found some growers that were starting to plant French hybrid grapes, so I started making my own wine in my garage at my house in St. Catharines. A Frenchman came here after World War II, Albert de Chaunac, and he brought all sorts of French cuttings. But they were defeated by the winters, the diseases. I found one grape called chelois that I liked, but the vines were diseased.

MG: There was no good grape material and nothing but Baby Duck to drink?

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Port Colborne student headed to legislature

LAURA BARTON
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Grade 8 student Fallon Gervais is like other 13-year-olds in that she enjoys spending time with her friends and hanging out.

Something that maybe makes this St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School student a little different is her enjoyment of law and politics.

"I don't know why, that's just kind of what I like. I find it interesting," Gervais said, noting that her dream is to one day go into either field.

Monday that interest took her to Queen's Park for the Legislative Page Program. The program takes Grade 7 and 8 students and has them participate in the provincial legislature as pages.

Gervais had orientation at the beginning of November so she'd know what is expected of her while she's in Toronto.

She already seems to have it down pat.

"There's a lot of stuff that I have to memorize," she said. "I have to memorize all the MPPs in the house, and how to get to certain rooms I'll be travelling to."

As a page, she'll be responsible for bringing papers to the appropriate people and also knowing where those people sit. She has a seating chart to study and also has flash cards so she can familiarize herself with who's who and what their titles are.

If she happens to forget something or can't find someone, all is not lost, though.

"If I'm having trouble, they're very OK with me asking for clarification," she said of the ushers and other personnel.

"They're very kid-friendly. They're like, 'You can ask for help. We're not going to be angry at you if you ask for help.'"

Gervais said she has a uniform she'll be wearing while she works four days a week.

Friday is a more relaxed day during which she and the other student pages will have the chance to go on field trips or even meet some of the MPPs.

Having lunch with her local MPP, Niagara Centre's Cindy Forster, is something she may get to do.

Meeting Premier Kathleen Wynne is also another option on the table, which she said the program tries to facilitate so students can ask some one-on-one questions.

One thing Gervais is curious to know is how Wynne handles the pressure of being asked an on-the-spot question.

"I do OK under pressure," she said of herself. "But right on the spot, that would be kind of difficult for me."

While in Toronto she'll be staying with family and said she's excited to share the experience with them. She said everyone is happy for her and supportive.

St. Patrick principal Kim Kuchar said while away from classes, Gervais will keep up with her math and language studies. The program doesn't recommend much more than that so the student can focus on the job.

She said that as a student council leader Gervais shows a lot of leadership skills and is committed to her fellow students and their voice.

Gervais is scheduled to return Thursday, Dec. 8.

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Fallon Gervais, a Grade 8 student at St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School in Port Colborne, is set to head off to Queen's Park last Monday to take part in the Legislative Page Program for students.

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Members of the public toured the new $65-million Niagara Regional Police headquarters in Niagara Falls, on Monday. About 200 people visited the state-of-the-art facility. It's the first time members of the public were able to see the 210,000-square-foot, three-storey complex, located off Valley Way.

Cop shop open to public

About 200 people took advantage of a tour of new NRP headquarters in the Falls Monday

ALISON LANGLEY
POSTMEDIA NETWORK

It was more than curiosity that drew James Galie and Nick Pooler to the public tour of the new $65-million Niagara Regional Police headquarters in Niagara Falls, Monday.

The two friends are enrolled in the police foundations program at Niagara College and both are hoping to pursue a career in policing.

"It's a profession I want to get in to," Galie said. "The tour was really interesting. It gave us an inside look at what goes on."

Approximately 200 people toured the state-of-the-art facility on Monday, the first time members of the public were able to check out the building.

"It is a taxpayer-funded building so we wanted to give the public an opportunity to come and take a look," said NRP Const. Rich Gadreau.

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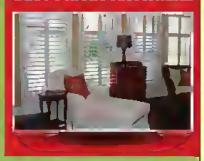
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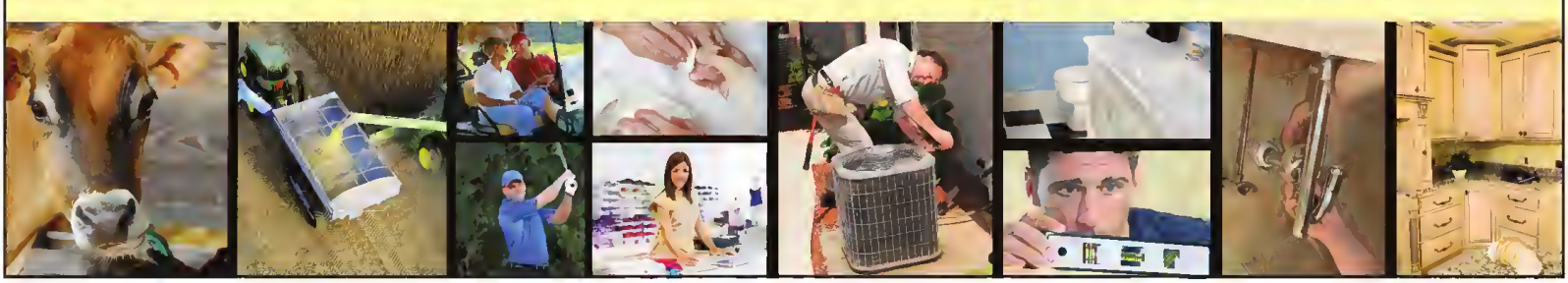

Hospital plans 'progressing well'

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MIKE DIBATTISTA/NIAGARA FALLS REVIEW/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

The site of the proposed south Niagara hospital is at Montrose and Biggar roads.

Niagara Health is expected to submit a detailed description of programs and services to be delivered at the proposed south Niagara hospital to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care later this month.

The stage two planning process will also determine staffing, funding, equipment needs, and space required for the site on the outskirts of Niagara Falls.

"Our redevelopment plans are progressing well, and we are receiving a lot of positive feedback," said Niagara Health spokesperson Caroline Bourque-Wiley.

Niagara Health submitted stage one to the ministry in March, which involved working with community partners, staff and residents to develop a clinical vision for the future hospital at Montrose and Biggar roads.

Bourque-Wiley said Niagara Health received approval to plan for stages one and two by the ministry in 2014.

The south Niagara hospital is proposed to be a centre of excellence for stroke, ophthalmology, complex care, geriatric/psychogeriatric, and wellness in aging.

It will provide emergency and urgent care, as well as surgical services, inpatient services, hemodialysis, ambulatory clinics, mental health and addictions services, and diagnostic imaging.

Stage two also looked at what services and programs are proposed to be offered out of the Welland urgent-care centre, which includes ambulatory clinics, mental health and addiction services, satellite hemodialysis, and diagnostic imaging.

Bourque-Wiley said stage three will include working with a design company to develop building diagrams. The timing of that will be determined based on ministry approval of stage two.

"With stage four, Niagara Health, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Infrastructure Ontario, will ask companies to submit proposals to design and construct the new buildings," she said.

Stage five will be the start of construction.

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"The timeline to complete all five stages of the capital planning process is approximately eight-to-10 years. Pending ministry approval, construction of the buildings will take several years, and our plans call for opening the new buildings in 2023."

Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati said he has reached out to the minister of health, the Local Health Integration Network and Niagara Health officials to get an update on the planning process.

"It's our objective that this be in the spring budget, so that the financing be committed so that we can move health-care forward in Niagara, as other jurisdictions are moving forward around the province," he said.

"We're excited. We're glad that we're bringing the land assemblance together, but we need the province to move forward."

Angela Zangari, executive vice-president of finance and operations at Niagara Health, said the state-of-the-art south Niagara hospital will enable its health-care team to provide "extraordinary care and experiences well into the future," and help to recruit "the best and brightest professionals to our team.

"Centre of excellence specializing in geriatric care, stroke, eye care and complex care will be offered as part of a comprehensive range of inpatient and outpatient services."

Zangari said the way health-care is delivered is continually changing.

"New technologies and medical practices are providing us with opportunities to improve care and access to care in ways we could not have previously imagined."

She said a significant focus of Niagara Health's work is identifying ways to enhance access to ambulatory services that don't require overnight stays.

Another priority, said Zangari, is identifying ways to bring its physicians and other health-care professionals to patients, reducing the need for them to go to hospital for quality care.

"In some cases, this could mean providing care right in a patient's home. We are already doing this as part of a successful new program, in partnership with St. Joseph's Healthcare System, with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and congestive heart failure."

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"I'm not saying we are ending there and there's no other motive, but these are the kinds of things we looked at first."

Schools that didn't get an artificial turf field shouldn't assume anything about their futures.

"Absolutely not," he said.

"We talked to all the principals and we came to the conclusivon which ones to do first."

Like the Catholic board, the DSBN will seek partners to provide added amenities at the fields.

"We have had quite a bit of interest in a number of locations, football teams and a number of municipalities," Hoshizaki said. "They have already started to talk to us about lights, bleachers and those kinds of things. It has already started in just about every field we are looking at.

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Students representing five schools from the District School Board of Niagara gathered at Greater Fort Erie Secondary school where the first of five synthetic turf fields at public secondary schools across the region is being installed. The five schools are Greater Fort Erie Secondary, A.N. Myer in Niagara Falls, Welland Centennial, and Sir Winston Churchill and Governor Simcoe in St. Catharines.

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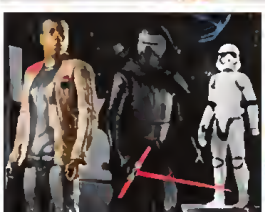

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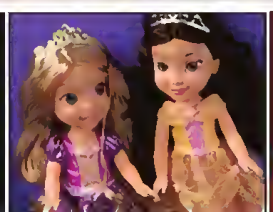

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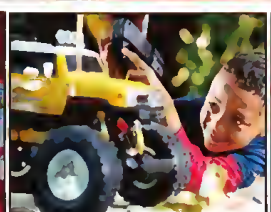

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GE remains committed to Welland plant

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General Electric remains committed to building and operating its new factory in Welland, despite the outcome of last week's U.S. election.

Although concerns have been expressed about the plant's future because president-elect Donald Trump has vowed to pull the U.S. out of the North American Free Trade Agreement, Welland Mayor Frank Campion said it will have no bearing on the future of the new 45,000-square-metre facility under construction near Highway 140.

Campion said he spoke to GE Canada president Elyse Allan as well as the corporation's vice-chair, John Rice, in Toronto on Thursday, after media reports were televised saying the plant's future could be in jeopardy due to the election outcome.

"Both of them had heard about this and went out of their way to come up to me and say, 'I don't know where this is coming from or why it's in the news, but we are definitely 100 per cent committed to continuing to construct and operate the facility in Welland,'" Campion said.

"The election has no impact whatsoever on their plans. They're proceeding and things are going well. They're on time and on target and very happy with what's happening here in Welland, as far as getting all their permits that are required."

In an e-mail, GE Canada's communications and public affairs director, Rahim Ladha, also confirmed the company's plans for Welland have not changed.

"GE is committed to building its Brilliant Factory in Welland," Ladha said. "We have broken ground on the project and we anticipate completion in early 2018."

Construction of the US$165-million plant began in August.

When complete it is expected to employ about 220 people, manufacturing reciprocating gas engines, as well as other engine and power generation components.

Welland-Pelham Chamber of Commerce executive director Dolores Fabiano, who was interviewed for the televised media report, said she was speaking generally and did not specifically comment on the future of the GE plant.

"Why would we say that the sky is falling when we have no facts that that's what's going to happen?" she said.

Fabiano said the chamber is "thrilled that GE is here," and that the city brokered the deal that made it all happen.

"It's moving forward and that's it. That's it in a nutshell. We don't know any different."

Since the U.S. election she said Trump seems to be "taking a much gentler approach" to issues.

"I wouldn't say he's backpedaling at all, but he is taking a much softer approach to some of the things that he campaigned on," she said.

Campion said GE chose to close its manufacturing facility in Wisconsin in response to lapse of the U.S. government's Export-Import Bank, and build a new plant in Canada to take advantage of the export financing provided through Export Development Canada.

That hasn't changed.

"There's nothing that has occurred that would dissuade them from continuing on," Campion said, adding GE employs more than 330,000 people worldwide.

"They're a global corporation that is not reliant on one country."

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Work is continuing at the General Electric plant off Highway 140 in Welland, despite recent concerns about the U.S. election.

While the company chose Welland partially because of the city's proximity to border crossings and shipping opportunities, Campion said "the export guarantees" and "great incentives" being offered locally also influenced the decision to locate in the city.

For instance, local municipal governments are offering $37.4 million in property tax savings over the next decade through the Gateway Community Improvement Plan, while the provincial government kicked in $26.5 million to the project through its Jobs and Prosperity Fund program.

"There are lots of reasons why they located here and they're still very pleased with their decision," Campion said.

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Actors surprise students

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Duhaney, the Blue Dino Thunder Ranger on *Power Ranger Dino Thunder*, said aspiring actors need to go after their dreams, work hard and never give up.

"Invest in yourself because nobody else will," Duhaney said.

With a laugh, Morrison, known for his role on *Degrassi: The Next Generaton*, said if someone wants to pursue a future in the arts, just do it. An important aspect some people forget is there are many avenues to a specific art.

"Some kids think in the dance industry, they all want to be like on world tour with somebody yo. I made more money doing the opposite of that ... because I had to find other avenues for me. It's all what works for you at the end of the day, but I decided to be a teacher and run events," Morrison said about his career as a professional dancer.

The actors wanted students to know there are many options for them. Instead of being a film actor, there is community theatre, stage acting, production and an endless number of careers.

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Actors from the Canadian film How She Move meet with a handful of students before hosting a Q&A as part of the Reel Canada event at Lakeshore Catholic High School. Shown from left are Alisia Humphreys, 15; Kevin Duhaney; Daniel Keith Morrison; Logan Willick, 16; Hannah Traynor, 15; and Dwain Murphy. See more on A3.

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Canadian actors from How She Move answer questions at Lakeshore Catholic High School during a Q&A session as part of a Reel Canada event at the school. Shown from left are Dwain Murphy, Kevin Duhaney and Daniel Keith Morrison.

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"It's great. The more partnerships we are going to get, the better it is going to be."

Dave Schaubel, a DSBN trustee for Fort Erie/Port Colborne, was thrilled to have the first turf field located at Greater Fort Erie Secondary School, the first secondary school build by DSBN in more than 40 years.

"It's important that we do the right thing and get it right, and I think that we have," he said. "The field will also be available to the community in the form of rentals, and these are truly win-win situations for the students and the community."

Hoshizaki believes the fields will support more than organized sports at the elementary and secondary school level.

"All students will be able to use these fields for recreational activities, for training and for regular physical activity," he said.

"Because they provide the consistent, even surface, the fields are much more accessible, allowing students with special needs more opportunity to become active."

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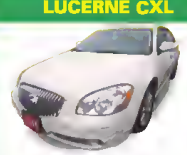

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Public gets look at cop shop

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The complex, which took almost three years to complete, opened in September. It houses about 600 of the NRP's 1,100 uniform and civilian members.

"It's very impressive," said Joan, a visitor who didn't want her last name printed. "I've been to the Morrison Street police station a lot of times and this is so much better. You can't even compare the two."

The 210,000-square-foot, three-storey complex, located off Valley Way, replaces two existing facilities: the Niagara Falls detachment on Morrison Street and police headquarters on James Street in St. Catharines.

Many units, Gadreau said, are now working under the same roof for the first time.

One large office space, for example, can accommodate up to 80 detectives and has several adjoining conference and meeting rooms.

"We can share meeting rooms and conference rooms which maximizes space and reduces waste," he said.

The tours include visits to various areas including the forensic unit and the cells.

There are 43 cells in the building that can hold up to 53 prisoners.

Gadreau explained during the tour that the cells are only used as a 24-hour hold, with people then being transferred to either the Niagara Detention Centre in Thorold or Vanier Centre for Women in Milton.

The complex is one of the biggest single building projects the Region has undertaken. It was built by Carillion Canada Inc.

Tours of the building continued Tuesday and Wednesday.

Front-line police services in St. Catharines and Thorold continue to operate out of 68 Church St. in St. Catharines until such time as a new facility is constructed on Welland Avenue. The price tag of the new St. Catharines detachment is more than $19-million.

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The Progress Report identifies barriers to information and communication, employment and transportation for people with disabilities and outlines the steps The Niagara Parks Commission has taken in the last year to remove these barriers.

NPC would like to invite members of the community to attend this meeting in order to gather their feedback regarding the Annual Progress Report of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. American Sign Language interpretation and closed captioning services will be available.

Date: Tuesday, November 29

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Legends on the Niagara Golf Complex - Clubhouse
9561 Niagara Parkway Niagara Falls, Ontario

Karl Kaiser and the birth of the modern Canadian wine industry

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KK: It was around then that the Germans started shipping over Blue Nun and the Austrians, Blue Danube. They started taking away business from Canadian wineries. Up to that point, the few Canadian wineries didn't really care about quality.

MG: You decided to take matters in your own hands.

KK: It was in 1971. We had to redo a fence at my father-in-law's house and I wanted to plant 20 odd vines there. I visited the Ziraldo nursery and they had some vinifera, mostly riesling. A few months later, I met the son, Donald Ziraldo, and we started talking about making drinkable wines.

MG: And you started to plant?

KK: Donald bought 67 acres right next to where we are now and did the first large-scale planting in 1974 of vinifera with good plant material he brought from France. There was Riesling, Gamay, Chardonnay and a few hybrids. Donald approached the liquor board for a winery licence and was refused. The man put a large binder filled with refused applications in front of him and asked, "Why should I give you a licence."

MG: Why didn't they give out any licences?

KK: There were lingering effects of prohibition and a certain moral objection. They hadn't given any out since the end of prohibition, for over 50 years. But three months later, we got a call from (retired Maj. Gen.) George Kitching who was the chairman of the Ontario liquor board. He was a great man. We told him we wanted to make real wine and he pushed our application through. I guess he realized that local wine was so bad that they had to try and get new people.

MG: Why did you call it Inniskillin?

KK: That was Kitching's idea. The location where we made our first wines was owned by the commander of the Inniskillin regiment during the War of 1812.

MG: Why did you pick Riesling, Chardonnay and Gamay?

KK: We knew Riesling was winter-hardy. Chardonnay was becoming trendy and Gamay we thought was winter hardy as well.

MG: I imagine people were watching what you were doing?

KK: Paul Bosc opened up Château des Charmes in '79 or '80. He was the second to get a winery licence. He had his own nursery and was planting vinifera as well. Len Pennachetti started planting vinifera right away, and then he opened up his own winery, Cave Spring (Cellars).

MG: When did you start to diversify and try different grapes?

KK: That started almost immediately. Unlike today, we weren't looking at what would sell rather what could we grow that would survive the winters. I love Pinot Noir and I felt it would work. So we tried it out as well.

MG: Do you take pride in seeing many of your first plantings still around today, and remaining some of the best vineyard sites? Didn't you plant five rows, which is part of the Lowrey vineyard?

KK: Many thought that site was too hot for Pinot Noir and I said, "Just give me five rows." Donald and I are really proud of it. After we planted our first vineyard most laughed at us. Technical things like how we spaced the vines and how high we strung the first wire (distance grapes are from the ground) are still used today.

MG: You were lucky?

KK: I knew German people don't like to bend over that much.

MG: You began this adventure because you wanted to make good table wines. But you are just as well known for your ice wine. How did that come about?

KK: I had no idea how to make ice wine. The idea came from Ewald Reif whose family had a winery down the road. But the problem was that all the birds kept on eating the grapes when you left them out that long. Walter Strehn, whose family owned Pelle Island Winery, put up nets to protect the grapes from the starlings. The first year the birds got caught up in the nets and people reported him to the police. So I waited a year before putting up my nets. Things have changed since 1984.

MG: So you made it, what did you think about it?

KK: It was unique. I guess I made it right. I never wanted to be famous for ice wine but it kept us financially viable.

MG: So during the '80s new wineries were opening up and new products being made. What was the local consumer reaction?

KK: Around the same time, French and Italian wines started showing up and there was a shift to red wines like Mouton Cadet. So the public was getting more educated about wine. We had a small group of people that were faithful local drinkers.

MG: Of all the things you accomplished, what do you want to be remembered for most?

KK: [long silence]

MG: You don't really care do you?

KK: [laughing] No, I don't really care.

That night we drank a fabulous 1978 Riesling, his second ever vintage, some great Pinot Noir from the '90s, and a bottle of his 1989 icewine. There is incredible humility in Mr. Kaiser so I am not surprised by his answer to my last question. His legacy can be seen and tasted every time you open up a Canadian made wine or visit one of our many regions.

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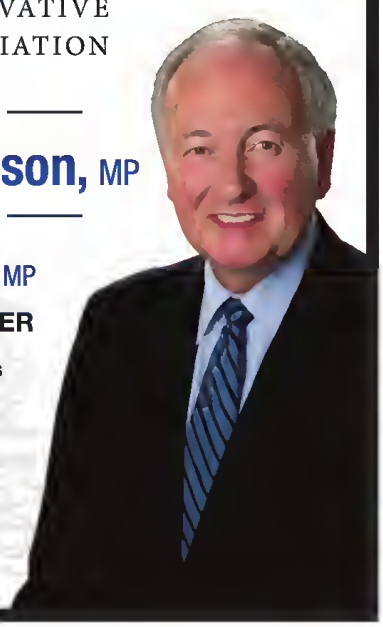

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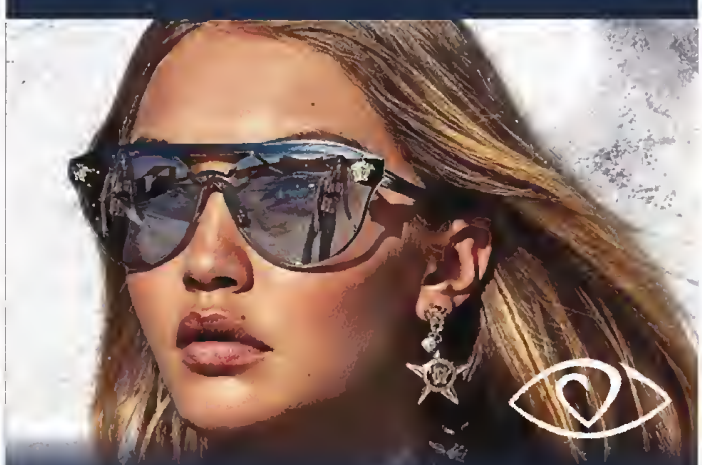

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Two days added to Niagara Catholic labour talks

WAYNE CAMPBELL
Special to Postmedia Network

Negotiations between Niagara Catholic District School Board and its elementary teachers will continue on Nov. 23 and Nov. 28.

The two days with a provincially appointed mediator were added following a session of talks last Wednesday.

Niagara Catholic teachers began a work-to-rule campaign in September at the board's 49 elementary schools.

Bargaining units for the board and the Niagara elementary unit of the Ontario Elementary Catholic Teachers Association are working on local issues.

A provincewide agreement, reached last year, covers pay and benefits.

At a school board meeting last Tuesday, dozens of elementary teachers wearing blue solidarity T-shirts to support their bargaining unit filled the education centre board room in Welland.

The unit met with board negotiators the next day.

Marie Balanowski, Niagara elementary unit president of OECTA, said in an e-mail it is difficult to say what progress was made Wednesday.

"We are hopeful that, with the assistance of the mediator, progress will be made at our upcoming meetings."

She declined to discuss specific issues under bargaining.

"We have been without an agreement since September 2014," she said.

"Under the new School Boards Collective Bargaining Act, there are now provincial and local level negotiations. A provincial agreement was concluded in August 2015.

"We started our negotiations on Feb. 29. Without getting into the details of the negotiations, I would say minimal progress has been made thus far," Balanowski said.

On its website, www.niagaracatholic.ca, the school board has been posting labour negotiation updates, including a list of work-to-rule directions from the association to its teachers.

Balanowski challenged the notices.

"The board is posting its own interpretation or portrayal of what is transpiring. For example, the board uses language like, 'the OECTA Niagara Elementary Teachers' Union that represents our permanent elementary teachers imposed work-to-rule sanctions for the elementary teachers.'

"Niagara's Catholic elementary teachers voted 99.52 per cent in favour of taking strike action. We feel it is highly inappropriate for the board to be characterizing any of the positions we are taking on issues."

Balanowski said the work-to-rule campaign will continue until a collective agreement is reached.

"This means that teachers will focus on their core duties."

Full-time teachers in Niagara Catholic elementary schools from Grimsby to Fort Erie have stepped away from some school activities and administrative chores.

They limit themselves to instructional areas for 14,700 students.

What of the concerns of parents and students?

"We certainly hope that families understand that we would like to get a fair contract," Balanowski wrote.

Niagara Catholic board chair Rev. Paul MacNeil, reacted to the elementary teachers' visit to Niagara Catholic's committee-of-the-whole meeting last week.

In an e-mail, he said the public portion of "trustee meetings are always open to all staff, parents, students and public and we encourage everyone to attend, including our elementary school teachers."

The meeting he said also included students, staff and parents talking about other school activities. One was a recent Sunday fundraising walk by the eight Catholic high schools for projects in developing countries.

MacNeil would not discuss specifics of contract negotiations.

"We remain hopeful that an agreement will be reached with OECTA Elementary Unit, but we can't make any further comments during the negotiations as the conversation belongs at the bargaining table," he said.

The board chair praised everyone working under the constraints of the work-to-rule.

"We recognize the continued leadership and support of our trustees, system administrators, principals, vice-principals, school and system level staff along with many parents and volunteers who continue to provide and support programs, activities and services for all our students."

The chair looked beyond the labour dispute.

"We have the highest respect and appreciation for all staff and are very proud of the highest quality of Catholic educational excellence throughout our board.

"The innovative and creative programs, services and supports provided by our staff, in particular our elementary and secondary teachers, together with our support staff and the leadership of our administrators and trustees continues to result in student success and provincial, national and international recognition."

Finding resiliency after the war

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The French Foreign Legion is a military service branch of the French army, created for people who are not French nationals, but are willing to serve.

Albert was posted to Fez, Morocco, as part of the 4th Foreign Regiment, 1st Batallion. The Second World War was over, and the regiment was there to act as peacekeepers, and be the training ground for recruits before they were sent to a war escalating in Indochina.

He was put in charge of the horses and mules. He slept in the stable, with the animals. And participated in all the basic training — forced marches (they'd start out at 3 a.m., march straight in one direction, then with luck return before dinner after covering some 70 kilometres). There were exercises and rifle training. Summer temperatures reached 40°C.

Albert won a sports achievement award for being first in a 1,000-metre run, and an obstacle competition that involved climbing ropes, fences and jumping into piles of sand.

Wine was a staple for legionnaires, served with lunch and dinner. Canned sardines were a treat for dessert. Cans of monkey meat could be purchased at the canteen, alongside shoe polish and cigarettes.

He once made the mistake of leaving his sardines too long in the sun, and got sick. And he contracted malaria a couple times, and avoided being shipped out to fight in Indochina.

Albert took over duties in the canteen, selling supplies and food to legionnaires.

By 1951 — five years after joining the French Foreign Legion — Albert chose not to re-enlist, despite offers of a promotion.

He had been sending letters to an aunt in Berlin, and had located his family. He wanted to return to Germany to be reunited with them.

"I just wanted to go back to see my family," he says.

He didn't say for long. Less than a year later, he immigrated to Canada. He has worked in northern Ontario gold mines and as a lumberjack. He served 10 years on ships, including the Chicago Tribune, sailing the Great Lakes. He filled the roles of everything from cook to deckhand to wheelsman.

In 1987, he retired after 22 years with the St. Lawrence Seaway, Lock 7, as a linesman.

This June, his family strung banners and streamers in a backyard pavilion, created a photo collage of his life on a wall and celebrated his 90 years of life. They ate a cake designed with a white tank top and a pair of blue work pants. Albert wore his favourite blue Hawaiian shirt.

His life, has been a story of hardship and character, joy, sacrifice and plain old hard work.

Genetics aside, it's likely what has given him nine decades of life, says Ken.

"He didn't have an easy life," says Ken.

"He grew up being a survivor."

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A young Albert Tonn in his French Foreign Legion uniform in Niagara Falls.

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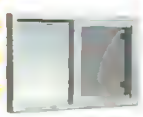

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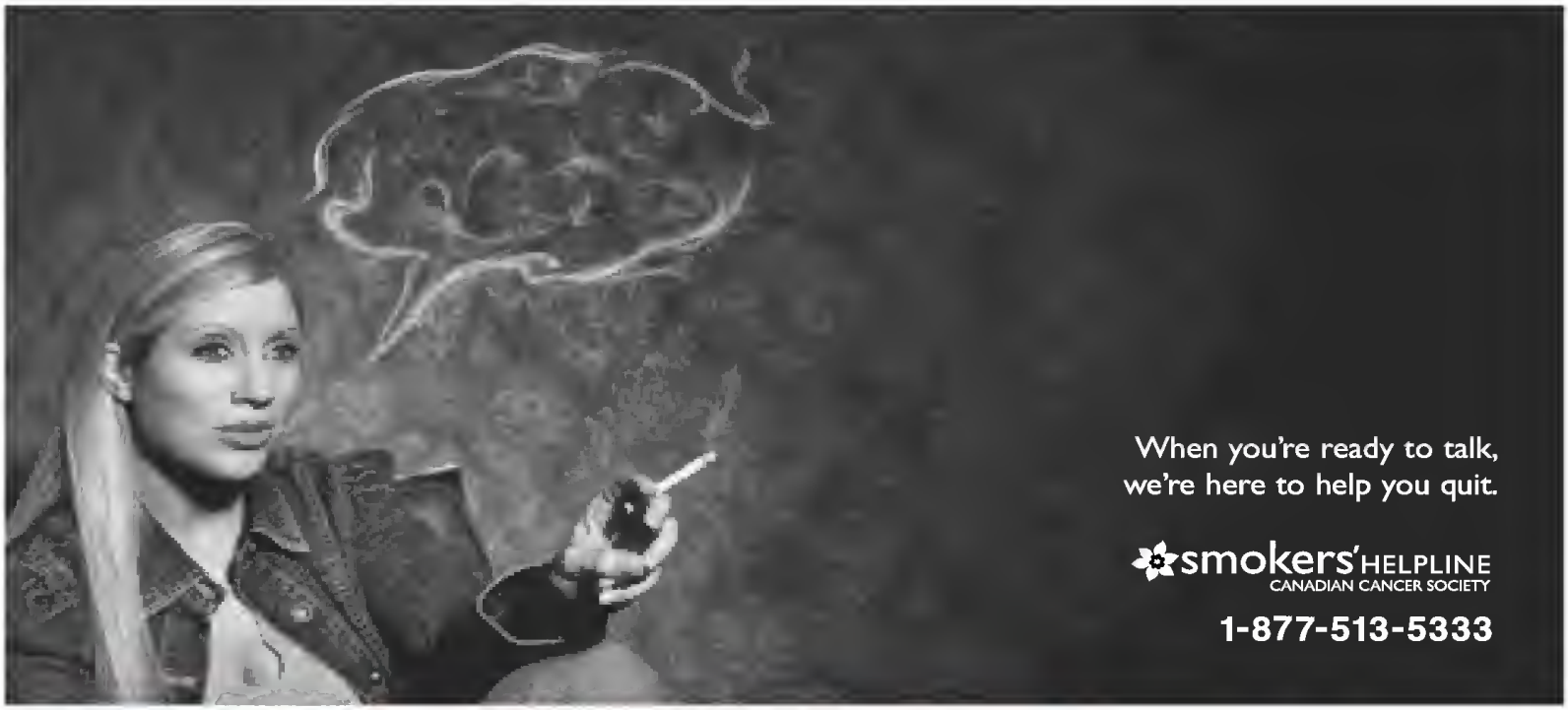

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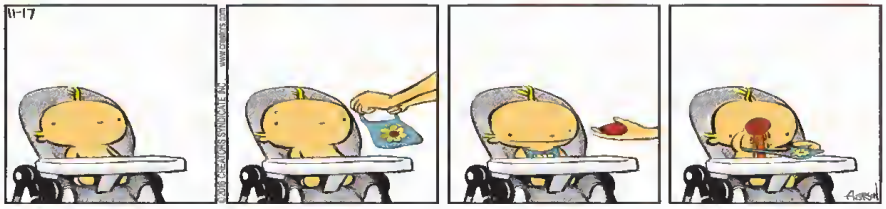

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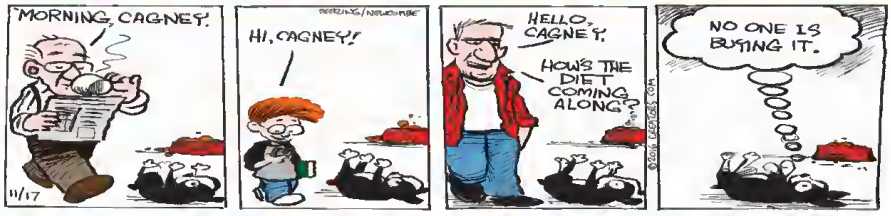

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Actor, 1951.
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Actor, 1972.
Kimya Dawson
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Leslie Bibb
Actor, 1974.
Diane Neal
Actor, 1976.

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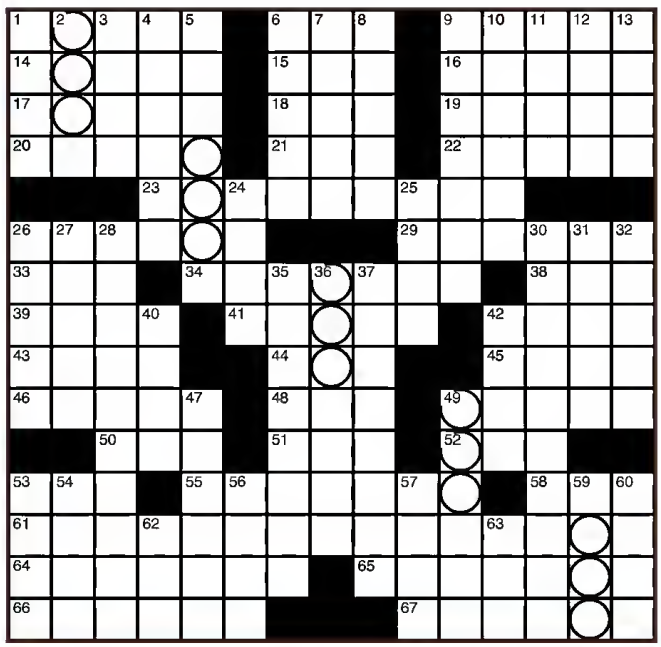

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TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date in 1987, Toronto Blue Jays outfielder **George Bell**, (above), was selected the American League's most valuable player. He was the first member of a Canadian-based major-league team to win an MVP award. (Jays third baseman **Josh Donaldson** also won the award in 2015.)

In 2003, **John Muhammad** was found guilty in the sniper killings that terrorized the Washington, D.C. area for three weeks in 2002 that left 10 people dead. He was convicted on four counts, including taking part in multiple murders and terrorizing people. He was later sentenced to death and was executed on Nov. 10, 2009.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

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Horoscope

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Home investments and making your life more satisfying and convenient should be your goal. Making personal alterations to the way you live or look will give you the boost you need to collect your thoughts and gain ground. Love is featured. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Money matters shouldn't be influenced by your emotions. Set a high standard and refuse to go into debt for someone else's gains. Bring about positive changes by acting on your own behalf. Opportunities will be apparent if you take action and seize the moment. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Speak up and explain your personal plans to someone you love. Don't be afraid to do things differently. Look for the right opportunity and make your move. Refuse to let what others do deter you from following through with your plans. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen and learn, but don't let anyone convince you to do things that don't fit your lifestyle or schedule. Use your intelligence and put your unique ideas into play. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take control and start the ball rolling. You can make personal and professional gains if you stay focused on what needs to be done. Don't let anyone sidetrack you. Trust in your ability to get things done. ★★★★★

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Proceed with caution when dealing with matters that can affect your personal or professional world. Listen carefully, be smart and be wary of anyone who may be trying to disrupt your life. Act responsibly and with compassion. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Live and learn. Observation will be a good method when trying to make a decision. Let your intuition guide you when dealing with partnerships. A clear view of a given situation will be necessary to avoid poor choices. ★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Networking, travel and setting up meetings will encourage positive change. Making suggestions and initiating changes will be looked upon cautiously. Follow through with actions and you will prove your point. ★★★

Happy Birthday

Look for the right moment, and do what comes naturally. Bring about changes that will put your mind at ease and improve your future. Address situations openly and honestly, and be prepared to walk away from anything or anyone who tries to convince you otherwise. **6, 11, 18, 25, 28, 34, 46.**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make emotional moves that will help boost your current position or lifestyle. Don't let overreacting be your demise. Think matters through carefully and act with foresight. A mistake will end up being costly. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The changes going on around you will influence the way you move forward. Whether it is a personal or professional change, don't let anyone push you in a direction you don't want to go. Plan your actions and take control. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put more time and effort into self-improvement instead of trying to change others. Complaints are likely to be lodged if you aren't specific about your plans. Observe the situation and weigh the pros and cons before you proceed. ★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't neglect your responsibilities or your relationships. Try to recognize and address situations that have the potential to hold you back and deal with them head-on. Emotional matters will escalate if you aren't quick to respond. ★★

WORD SEARCH

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Find the listed words in the grid. Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be letters left over. Use some of these letters to spell out the solution of the puzzle.

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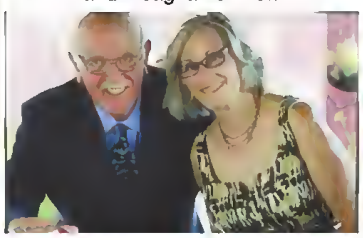
We would like to thank all the Family and Friends who took part in our Fiftieth Wedding party last week, "Nov. 11, 2016". Thanks Tara and Todd and Meaghan & Brett.



Special thanks to Meaghan and Brett who knew how to break into our house to get the pictures.
Love and Thanks to all
Sharon and John Coopman

Coming Events

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Wednesday, Nov. 23 9am - 1pm
All Saints Anglican Church
South Mill, Ridgeway
Baked Goods, Gift Shop,
Silent Auction, Raffle,
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Saturday, November 19, 2016
St. John's Stevensville United Church
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Adults - $15 Children under 12 - $5
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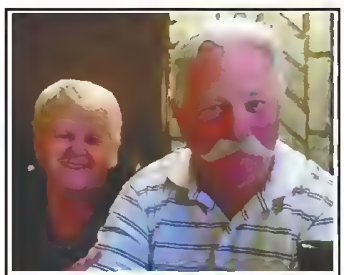
Anniversaries



Open House Celebration of Larry and Judy Miller's 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Saturday, November 19th
Fort Erie Conservation Club
2555 Ott Rd, Stevensville
From 6-10pm

Obituaries

DELUCA, Gino - Passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on November 4, 2018 at the age of 83. Sadly missed by his loving partner and best friend Jean. Sadly missed by children Francis, Tony, Mike, Joe, Gino and Gina as well as his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also survived by his brother Carmen and sisters Caroline and Rita. Predeceased by his granddaughter Angela. Gino was a proud member of Branch 71 of the Royal Canadian Legion. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. A graveside service will be held at Greenwood Cemetery on Monday November 28th at 11 o'clock. (Thompson Rd. and Bowen Rd.). If so desired, donations to the SPCA would be appreciated by the family.

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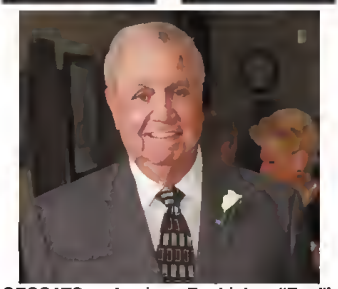


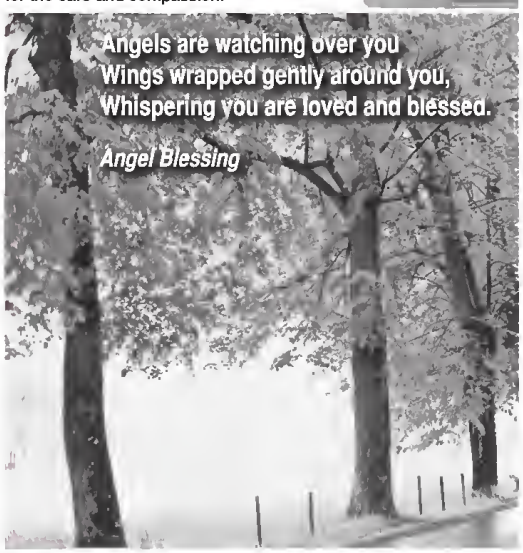
CECCATO, Louis Fredrick "Fred", passed peacefully surrounded by the love of his family on Wednesday November 9th, 2016 at the St. Catharine's General Hospital, at 77 years of age. Beloved husband of Ann for 48 years. Loving father of Shelly Greene (Blake) and Christopher Pettay (Michelle). Proud grandfather of Micheal Greene (Sara), Lauren (Sean) Andrew Kennedy (Karissa) and loving great-grandfather to Mason, Dakota, Owen, Mitchell, Emma, Bentley and Riley. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Also, survived by his pals Ronny and Bren. Lovingly remembered by his sister Dixie Robinson. Predeceased by his parents Louis and Ann and brother Victor Ceccato. Although Fred will miss watching his great grand babies grow here on earth, we know he will keep a watchful eye on them up in heaven. Fred retired from the Niagara Regional Police after over 30 years of service. He also dedicated over 50 years of service as a member of the Niagara Falls Optimist Club. A service to celebrate Fred's life will be held at the Niagara Falls Optimist Club on Sunday, December 4th, 2016 at 2pm, luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Niagara Children's Center or bring an unwrapped gift to the celebration to be donated to the Kinsmen Gift of Love would be appreciated by the family. Fred would always go out of his way to bring a smile to the children's faces and loved to help out these great organizations.

SELKIRK, Paul Gregory - Dec. 26, 1960 - Nov. 5, 2016. Predeceased by his parents, Gerald and Sandra. Sadly missed by his wife Jane (Mcgill) Selkirk and his extended family. Service will be held Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 1pm @ St. John's Stevensville United Church

SURTEL, Hedwig "Hedy" - Hedy passed away peacefully on Saturday November 5th, 2016 at the age of 82. Beloved wife of the late Sid. Loving mother of Marie (Evan) McLucas, Joe (Sue) Surtel, Liz Surtel and Mike (Sharon) Surtel. Cherished grandmother of Myles, Bria, Kylee, Michael, Christopher, Jonathan, Jacqui and Ross and proud great-grandmother of Ethan. Sadly missed sister of Stella, Colette, Liz, Mary and Joe. Predeceased by siblings Theresa, Tom and Ziggy. Hedy graduated St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing and worked at Toronto St. Joseph's Hospital. She was an active and respected member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church and the CWL. She volunteered with the Douglas Memorial Auxiliary Tuck Shop, Fort Erie Horticultural Society, Casa El Norte and many Blood Donor Clinics. She will be remembered for her love of family, her caring and selfless nature. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. A Mass to celebrate Hedy's life will be celebrated at St. Michael Roman Catholic Church on Saturday November 19th at 1130 am. A reception will follow. If so desired, donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family. Special thanks to the staff at Gilmore Lodge for the care and compassion.

"We've shared our lives these many years. You've held my hand; you've held my heart. So many blessings, so few tears - yet for a moment, we must part."

- Unknown



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TREVOR I. WILLIAMS (1924- 2016)

In proud and loving memory of my recently departed husband and World War II RAF Veteran Leading Aircraftsman Trevor I. Williams. At 18 years of age he enlisted in his native Wales. Trevor was unable to qualify for Air Crew due to colour blindness. Instead, he was trained as a fitter, assembling and fitting plane parts which arrived in big crates, country of origin unknown. When completed, he would have to fly with the chief test pilot to make sure that all was in order for flight. From 1943 onwards, he served in Southern Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, at Gwelo, Guinea Fowl and Bulawayo. At the time he had no idea that he had worked on planes made at Fleet Aircraft, in Fort Erie, Ont. Canada. Often plaines would have to be rescued from the bush (jungle), and taken back to the base. The local chief and family enlisted to help, all in order of importance.... sons, wives, and daughters last. The exception, women first if they went through a mine field. If the work had to be accomplished in the dark, Trevor always hoped and prayed that the eyes peering at them from the trees were not lions or tigers. He came to Canada in 1987 and married his childhood playmate (since they were five), Joan. Through the Bertie Historical Society, Trevor learned of the war time connections. The family is truly grateful to all far and near for all the beautiful and practical acts of kindness and consideration shown at this time.

Blessings. Ben dith.
Joan Mathews Williams

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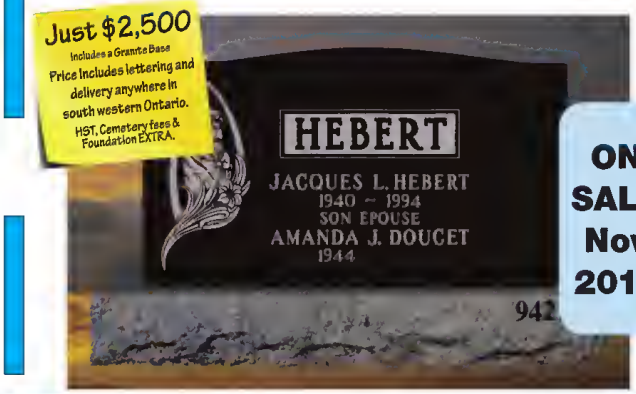

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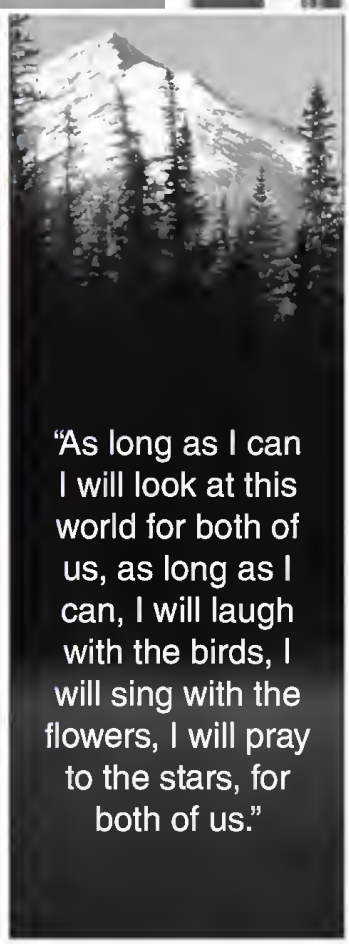

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10.99
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